

London Transport aims to win passengers with new Travelcards

By Michael Bailey
Transport Editor

London will take a step towards the Continental approach to public transport next Sunday when London Transport introduces Travelcards, giving free access to the Underground and buses after a lump sum payment.

The sum of £480 will buy a year's unlimited travel on buses and Tubes throughout Greater London, and £4 will buy a week's unlimited travel in the central area.

The shift from buying individual tickets is expected to generate big savings for London Transport through increased travel, fewer staff and reduced fraud.

It will make public transport more like the private car, and as many central cities have shown, with cheap periodic passes, will encourage people to use buses and trains instead of cars for journeys they feel they have already paid for. Other cards will be available for monthly and quarterly travel on any combination of four zones. More than 300,000 are expected to be sold by the summer.

A new drive against fraud is also being launched, Dr Keith

Bright, the chairman of London Transport, announced yesterday to try to reduce the £40m a year which fares avoidance is believed to cost London Transport.

For the first time passengers paying at the exit barrier will automatically be given a receipt for the money many suspect has been hitherto pocketed.

Nearly one hundred extra

Smoking poll

Most Underground travellers think London Transport should give up the idea of completely banning smoking on the Tube, according to an opinion poll published yesterday (the Press Association reports).

The survey, conducted by MORI for the pro-smoking group, Forest, shows that 54 per cent of 721 travellers questioned were against the plan, now under consideration.

Only 18 per cent said there should be a total ban, while 46 per cent of non-smokers thought trains should include smoking compartments.

The results have been sent to London Transport.

24-hour guard on orchids

By Hugh Clayton
Environment Correspondent

Rare wild orchids are to be guarded day and night by naturalists to prevent a repetition of last year's thefts. The plants include some of the most handsome and bizarre of British wild plants.

Patrols will start soon as the next two months cover the flowering periods of most of Britain's 50 wild orchid varieties. The plants grow in a complex relationship with fungus in the soil and seldom survive replanting.

The orchids are all relatives of the much larger and more familiar imported hothouse varieties. Some of their names refer to the strange shapes adopted by their flowers. The lizard orchid with its long dangling flowers has almost vanished from its haunts in eastern England and some wild specimens were dug up and removed last year.

Mr Richard Steele, the director-general of the Nature Conservancy Council, said: "Round-the-clock patrols are necessary to thwart those who think only of their own pleasure and profit." The council, a quango which administers wildlife law, and the Essex Fairbairn Trust have paid the £4,000 needed to finance the patrols.

Belgrano attacker tells of fireball

By a Staff Reporter

Commander Christopher Wreford-Brown, captain of the Conqueror which sank the General Belgrano, later regretted the loss of life but would not hesitate to launch such an attack again if he had to, according to a book on the Falklands conflict published today.

The commander describes the sinking of the Argentine warship in *Our Falklands War*, written by Geoffrey Underwood and based on first-hand accounts of the task force. The Belgrano was sunk with the loss of more than 300 lives on May 2 last year.

The commander was at the periscope of his submarine as two torpedoes hit the cruiser. He said: "I saw one hit midship. I saw a fireball. I saw a cloud of dirty smoke as the second torpedo hit."

The crew of the submarine cheered at the sound of the explosion and the Conqueror moved away at speed to avoid any depth charge attacks from the cruiser's destroyer escorts. The ships searched the area where the submarine had been for a short time.

Commander Wreford-Brown said: "Afterwards I had a certain amount of regret about the loss of life. I did not know the numbers involved, but one presumed it was considerable."

Penlee disaster findings

Coastguard officers cleared

By Craig Seton

Two coastguard officers accused of doing "too little too late" to avert the Penlee lifeboat disaster have been cleared of blame in the report of the public inquiry into the loss of the lifeboat Solomon Browne and the coaster Union Star.

The 20,000 word report, published yesterday, also rejects allegations that Captain Henry Mielk, master of the Union Star, and his crew failed to take reasonable steps to save themselves as the 1,400-tonne oaster drifted helplessly towards Cornish cliffs during a storm in December 1981.

The report of the 29-day inquiry says, however, that with the benefit of hindsight it was plain the Solomon Browne should have been launched earlier. It concludes that others "might have acted differently" from Mr Robbie Roberts, the coastguard district controller at Falmouth, but says that his action fell well short of any wrongful act or default.

The report states that a case had not been made out to associate the disaster, which cost 16 lives, with coastguard reorganization, particularly the removal of operational rescue control from the local station at Land's End to the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre at Plymouth, 25 miles away, and which covered a larger area.

The report recommended joint talks to improve liaison between coastguards and the Royal Naval Lifeboat Institution, especially better phrasing for alerting a lifeboat. It suggested that the Department of Trade should give the

coastguard a reserve power which could enable its officers to send help such as a salvage tug to the aid of an unwilling master of a ship in trouble.

The inquiry heard more than a million words of evidence about the tragedy in which eight Cornish lifeboatmen and eight people on board the coaster, including a woman and her two teenage daughters, died.

The report accepted that the Solomon Browne, having rescued four people, was probably crushed to pieces as it went alongside the Union Star again and the coaster capsized on top of it in huge breakers below the cliffs close to Land's End.

Much of the evidence concerned allegations against Mr Roberts, aged 54, who took charge of the rescue operation half an hour after the coaster reported engine failure at 6.04 pm and Mr Colin Sturman, aged 31, the senior watch officer for the earlier period.

They had been accused of failing to appreciate the urgency of the situation, failing to initiate a Mayday after the failure of the master of the Union Star to send out a distress message and failing to ask for the early launch of the Penlee lifeboat.

The report, compiled by Mr Richard Stone, QC, wreck commissioner and chairman of the inquiry, and three assessors, said those allegations had been



Academic accolade: The Prince of Wales received a degree in civil law at Oxford University yesterday and in his speech of acceptance, praised the Chancellor, Mr Harold Macmillan, who is in his 90th year.

Society, violence and the judiciary

Judge 'hounded to grave by media'

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The independence of the judiciary was threatened by political pressures of government and "hounding" by the media, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone said last night.

He said he knew of a High Court judge who "would be alive today had he not been subjected to a torrent of abuse excited by the media against a decision" altered on appeal but endorsed in principle.

"I am not the only one who holds the belief that this sensitive man was, almost literally, hounded by the media to his grave," he said.

Lord Hailsham added that although he could not prove it, he knew of "two members of the higher judiciary whose career prospects were substantially delayed by reason of directly political considerations".

The Lord Chancellor, giving the third in the 1983 Hamlyn series of lectures in London, also issued a warning about the use of judges by governments to head public inquiries, charged with political sensitivity and where the inquisitorial method was alien to judges' experience.

After instancing Lord Scarman's inquiry into the Brixton riots Lord Hailsham said judges were not to be blamed for accepting commissions to head such inquiries, but the media, public opinion, politicians and lord chancellors, including himself, were "possibly to be criticized for asking judges to perform tasks for which their training does not render them particularly suitable" and which potentially interferes with their ordinary work and adds a political flavour to their reputation.

Return to Victorian morality urged

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A plea for return to Victorian morality with its social sanctions to combat crime and violence was made by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, yesterday.

"No one gives a fig for the Ten Commandments any more, but unhappy society regards them at its peril," he told the annual meeting of the National Association of Prison Visitors in London.

At the risk of being labelled fuddy-duddy he said, people must begin by stopping the display of violence and sex on television and the importation of hard-core pornography which benefited no one but the purveyors.

Figures for armed robbery were likely soon to go down because those involved would find far more profit in the importation of heroin, which in turn would mean more crime, he said.

"We must start trying to get back a little way towards what your critics call Victorian morality. If we don't, it will go on getting worse."

Lord Lane said people tended to wash their hands of responsibility in the tackling of crime, leaving it to judges, probation staff and the prison service and the old social sanctions had disappeared.

The sanction of parental authority had gone, discipline



Lord Lane: 'Ban pornography' in schools had gone and the authority of the schoolmaster was undermined. Financial sanctions had also gone and, while not wishing a return to pre welfare state days, Lord Lane said there was no doubt any potential criminal would then think a long time before consigning his wife and children to the workhouse.

The big cities also meant social sanctions had disappeared. People did not know their neighbours and even if they did, it was a matter of total indifference whether or not he was convicted of a crime.

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'Stand up to soccer thugs'

The establishment was urged by Judge Argyle, QC, at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to take a positive stand against football hooliganism.

The judge, who is a keen sportsman, made his remarks as he jailed three young football fans and sent another to a detention centre for their part in a soccer rampage in which a man died.

There had been "an appalling atmosphere of violence and terror - with foul language, excess alcohol and urinating in public," he said.

He made an order under the Contempt of Court Act forbidding the naming of the defendants and the match involved, or giving its date because forthcoming trials of rival supporters and a retrial of another fan might be prejudiced.

The judge later told the press that the victim, Mr John Dickinson, aged 24, of Wyvel Road, Vauxhall, south London, could be named.

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Mr Stone yesterday: Call for liaison



Mr Sturman: 'Credit to coastguard'

Geoffrey Smith



COMMENT

The Conservative task in this campaign is not to win votes; it is to make sure that they do not lose those they have already got.

Union restraints already indicated

Further restraints would be imposed upon the trade unions. But these would be along the lines already indicated in the Green Paper.

Two further tests to be passed

The press conference launching the document yesterday... Mr Thatcher even went so far as to confirm that the manifesto does commit the party to providing full protection against inflation for state retirement pensions and other long-term social security benefits.

Union leaders react with rage to Tory plan to check political funds

Trade Union leaders reacted with howls of rage yesterday to the Conservative manifesto provisions that would compel them to introduce secret ballots by law and curtail their political activities.

The TUC's employment policy and organization committee had an early view of the Tory programme for a second term of office and rejected it out of hand.

Mr William Keys, general secretary of SOGAT '82 and chairman of the committee, said: "This is an outright attack on the Labour Party."

The contents of the manifesto were widely expected, with the exception of the provision for periodic tests of rank-and-file opinion about the continuation of trade union political funds.

But Union leaders still responded bitterly to Conservative proposals for new "rights" for trade union members to choose their leaders by secret ballot, to vote before striking and to decide whether to pay the political levy.

There is nothing wrong with secret ballots. Many unions already use them extensively. Nobody who knows the first thing about industrial relations would seriously argue however that they are applicable to every union and industrial situation.

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, insisted that the unions were "the last repository of the democratic traditions of this country" and were now being threatened in a way that companies who could make political donations were not.

Conservative proposals to abolish metropolitan councils and the Greater London Council and give their functions to borough and district councils brought an angry reaction from Sir Jack Smart, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities (Mark Mitchell writes).

Sir Jack said that such action would inflict wounds from which local democracy would never recover.

It would be a thoroughly irresponsible act of politically motivated vandalism to destroy these democratically accountable authorities without first ensuring that something better was ready to put in their place," he said.

Ulster party seeks devolution

The Official Unionist Party in Northern Ireland will demand devolved majority rule government at Stormont as the main condition for supporting a minority administration in any "hung" parliament.

At almost the same time as Mr James Molyneux, the party leader, was announcing yesterday the Conservative manifesto appeared, saying there would be no devolution without "widespread support throughout the community".

That promise ends any hope that a new Thatcher administration would be prepared to return control to a Unionist majority.

The Official Unionist manifesto, entitled *The Only Way*, describes the four years of Mrs Thatcher's government as wasted. It continues to promote the "conspiracy theory" pro-

Conservative opposition on the GLC, welcomed the proposals, which he said were overdue.

Mr Michael Foot, the Labour leader, yesterday condemned the manifesto as "just more of the same, shameful, disastrous policies we have had over the last four years" (Anthony Bevin writes).

Speaking on the BBC radio's *Jimmy Young Show*, he said: "What it really means is more of the same, or even worse. That is what she prophesies for the British people, and I believe that they are too wise to accept it."

While saying that the position would not be easy under a Labour government, Mr Foot pledged that there would be no increase in taxation for the first two years of a Labour Government.

Foot on solid home ground

Mr Michael Foot went to Ebbw Vale yesterday to hand in his nomination papers for the constituency secure in the knowledge that he now has the safest Labour seat in Britain as a result of boundary changes.

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Mr Foot yesterday made a pilgrimage to the Bevan Memorial on Wam-y-Pound, a hill overlooking the town of Ebbw Vale, Tredegar and Rhymney which together made up the old constituency. The redrawn boundaries now take in three quarters of Aberthaw

which has the highest Labour vote per head in Britain. The memorial, known as the Bevan Stones, is marked by three large pieces of limestone representing the three towns in the constituency which sit on the spot where Bevan used to address open air political meetings attracting up to 7,000 people. It was traditional in the area on the eve of elections on May Day for the people from the towns to climb the hill to listen to the Welsh orator.



The Great Fire of London

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Mr Foot said he was confident that Bevan would have approved of the campaign that he is running in 1983 particularly in his defence of the National Health Service which Bevan was instrumental in establishing.

Make or break time for Britons to decide on European membership

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The elections will probably be the last chance for Britons to vote on membership of the European Community.

To pull out, voters would have to return Labour with a clear overall majority. The other parties are firmly committed to staying in Europe and Mr David Steel has declared that the Alliance would not consent to withdrawal in the event of a coalition with Labour.

If Labour fails, even staunch party anti-marketisers admit privately, it would have little hope of raising the issue at subsequent elections. Barring dramatic events, Britain would by then be so enmeshed in the Community, the budget problem presumably solved and the public so accustomed to it that it would be neither practical nor politically realistic to demand withdrawal.

Even Labour's own position has softened in recent months. Its official policy now is to negotiate for withdrawal, although this would take time, although they should be completed within the Government's lifetime. But the process must be "amicable and orderly" so as "not to prejudice employment".

It is not yet clear how important the question will be in the campaign. Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's chief spokesman on home affairs, has said it will not be a central issue. The other parties say it would be if Labour wanted to make it one, but there is evidence that a number of Labour candidates are unhappy withdrawal and prefer to play the subject down.

The general feeling among all parties is that it will probably be among the first six topics, overshadowed by unemployment and economic questions.

No-one is quite clear, in fact, whether the issue can affect voting, and if so, in which direction. Public attitudes to the EEC are more volatile than on any other political theme, pollsters say.

In the past week, two polls have found the electorate 65 per cent and 54 per cent in favour of staying, the highest support for membership for three years and an extraordinary reversal of recent hostility. A year ago the figure was 60 per cent in favour of leaving.

progress will clearly favour Mrs Thatcher while difficulties could add fuel to Labour's allegation that the Prime Minister promised to get a solution by the end of June and has clearly failed.

In the main, the issue will be fought in terms of jobs. The Conservatives claim that withdrawal would put 2,500,000 jobs at risk. Labour retorts that unemployment will rise to five million anyway if Britain stays.

For Labour, the EEC rules are an obstacle to socialist policies. The party also reflects the feelings of many of its supporters, workers whose jobs or living standards have suffered and who resent the influx of foreign products on the British market.

The Conservatives and the SDP/Liberal Alliance argue that the EEC has been unfairly made a scapegoat for Britain's economic woes, that the country has benefited from membership and the shortcomings must be improved from within. There is no realistic, alternative market, and withdrawal would also jeopardize valuable investment by foreign companies, particularly American and Japanese ones, using Britain as a base.

Tories told of battle for jobs

Conservative candidates in the general election were told by the Prime Minister yesterday not to be defensive about the Government's record on unemployment.

With the opposition parties unanimous in immediately branding the Tory manifesto as promising "More of the same", Mrs Margaret Thatcher told about 400 prospective candidates at the traditional eve-of-election conferences that Conservative policies offered the best prospects for jobs.

She reminded the anti-inflation gathering at Central Hall, Westminster, that Labour governments always left office with higher unemployment than when they came in. "We are in the battle for more jobs," she said. "Our policies will produce jobs in the future."

Mrs Thatcher's remarks underline her acceptance that the unemployment figures will be the main focus of the opposition campaign during the election and her belief that attack will be the best way of countering it.

Also giving the candidates their battle orders yesterday were Mr Michael Jopling, the chief whip, Sir Geoffrey Howe, and Chancellor, and Mr Cecil Parkinson, the party chairman. Mrs Thatcher sent them to their constituencies happy, with the message to be "cool, calm and elected" after taking them through the political outland in the manifesto and telling them to shout from the rooftops the Government's good record on pensions and the health services at a time of world recession and when it was still paying Labour's debts.

Referring to the manifesto's proposals for trade union reform, she said that the step-by-step approach had paid off well, and there was noisy applause when she mentioned the plans to abolish the Greater London Council and metropolitan counties.

Telling the candidates to expose Labour's "extreme" policies, the Prime Minister said the Opposition "offer" "spend, spend, spend and borrow" in contrast to the Government's properly costed programme.

A tape of the Conservatives' campaign song "Maggie for Me", which was unveiled yesterday, is being sent to local constituency associations.

Parkinson denies film story

Mr Cecil Parkinson, chairman of the Conservative Party, denied that Tories were taking over empty hospitals and factories as the setting for propaganda films, with actors and actresses playing the role of nurses, doctors and workers.

Two to go for the Tories

The Conservatives have now completed the selection of candidates for all but two of the 633 constituencies in Great Britain. Legal challenges are in prospect in two constituencies, Thanet, North, and Bridgend.

Scots reforms

Labour launched its Scottish manifesto yesterday with a firm commitment to a Scottish Assembly which would help spearhead an industrial recovery and regeneration. Local authorities will also be given greater freedom to decide their policies and rates.

Smear claim

Labour's press officer, Mr Francis Beckett, said that a Conservative advertisement, which is a series of "I sign away" declarations, was misleading, a smear, and a sign that the campaign had become dirty.

Adams stands

Mr Richard Adams, author of *Waterbury Down*, is to stand as an independent Conservative in Spelthorpe, opposing Mr Humphrey Atkins, the Conservative MP, who is a strong supporter of hunting.

Ecology hope

The Ecology Party hoped to win 5 per cent of the vote in the 100 constituencies it was fighting. Mr Jonathan Porritt, a co-chairman of the party, said yesterday.

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Shoot-out on Argentine highway revives fears of new 'dirty war'

From Andrew Thompson, Buenos Aires

An announcement by Argentine police that two men were killed in a shoot-out last Saturday has been met with incredulity and protest by the country's political parties and human rights organizations. There are growing fears that the cycle of violence known as the "dirty war" in the 1970s is beginning again.

According to the Buenos Aires provincial police force, Señor Osvaldo Augustin Cambiaso and Señor Eduardo Daniel Pereira Rossi, driving a car on the Pan American Highway outside Buenos Aires, tried to escape when challenged by a routine patrol. They were chased and, when cornered, opened fire. In the subsequent gun fight, both were killed.

The police claim that Señor Cambiaso had a record of left-wing activism and had been in prison. Señor Pereira was described as a member of the Montoneros guerrilla organization.

This version of events has been rejected by most political parties and human rights groups. Señor Cambiaso and another unidentified man had been kidnapped on Saturday morning in Rosario, in the nearby province of Santa Fe. His family, and witnesses, said that heavily-armed men in civilian clothes, driving a green station wagon without number plates, had setted both men in a coffee house in Rosario.

After news of the abduction, a campaign was launched to save Señor Cambiaso's life. The family of the kidnapped man, a left-wing Peronist, filed a habeas corpus writ. Newspapers covered the incident, giving it front-page treatment.

On Monday President Rey-

France condemns Chile

Paris (Reuters) - France yesterday recalled its Ambassador to Chile and condemned what it termed violations of human rights after demonstrations there against the right-wing military leadership of President Augusto Pinochet.

M. Claude Cheysson, the External Relations Minister, told the National Assembly that M. Leon Bouvier, the ambassador, had been recalled to Paris.

M. Cheysson was quoted by French radio as saying: "General Pinochet is a curse on his people". Earlier, an official spokesman said that the French government was outraged by events in Chile.

Chilean soldiers and police arrested more than 300 people last week after demonstrations which analysts have seen as the most serious anti-government protest in 10 years of military rule by General Pinochet. A week ago two youths were shot dead during protests.

Last year France suspended delivery of 29 tanks because of an embargo on arms exports to Chile.



New barrier: Syrian soldiers check one of the few cars allowed to leave the Bekaa Valley for Beirut.

Reagan believes Syrians will pull out

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

President Reagan believes that Moscow is possibly putting pressure on the Syrians to keep their troops in Lebanon, but he thinks Syria will eventually agree to withdraw them.

The President took a cautiously optimistic view of the Lebanon situation at his press conference on Tuesday night, a few hours after Lebanon and Israel signed their agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon.

Asked what reason he had to be optimistic about a Syrian withdrawal Mr. Reagan recalled that the Syrians had repeatedly said that when the Israeli forces left, too, would leave Lebanon.

He added: "Now I grant you're saying some different things to day. But I also know that a number of their Arab allies are urging them to stick with their word and to leave when all forces are prepared to leave."

"And I can't believe that the Syrians want to find themselves alone separated from all of their Arab allies."

Asked if the US was willing to offer the

press conference that Mr. Philip Habib, Mr. Reagan's special envoy, was returning to the Middle East hoping to "stimulate some progress in the near future with respect to Syrian and PLO willingness to withdraw".

AMMAN: Arabs in the West Bank, officially still part of Jordan, yesterday faced prosecution and threat of administrative measures if they failed to conform with new Jordanian travel curbs, Reuters reports.

The Jordanian Ministry of the interior said the Arabs were banned from leaving the West Bank except through two bridges on the Jordan River. They are King Hussein's Bridge (formerly Allenby) and Prince Mohammad's Bridge (formerly Damlah).

The move appeared to prevent Arabs from using Israeli or Israeli-held airports or crossing points between Israel and Egypt and Israel and Lebanon on leaving the occupied territories.

The measures were designed to counter Israeli attempts to drive out Arabs

Newspaper savages Walesa

Warsaw (Reuters) - The Polish government newspaper *Rzeczpospolita* said Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, was totally discredited by his recent actions and there was no role for him to play in public life.

The article said he had linked himself with militant extremists aiming to overthrow the communist system.

A Solidarity bulletin in Warsaw said that Mr Andrzej Sobieraj, chairman of the Solidarity branch in Radom, was arrested after unofficial May Day demonstrations.

Kenya travel bar on diplomats

Nairobi (Reuters) - All foreign diplomats accredited to Kenya will need clearance from the President's office from now on before being allowed to travel to rural areas, the *Daily Nation* newspaper said.

The decision was taken by the governing council of the ruling Kenya African National Union after charges by President Moi that foreign countries were grooming someone to succeed him.

Sakharov says 'yes' to Oslo

Oslo (AFP) - Mr. Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet dissident and Nobel peace prize winner, has accepted Norway's invitation to settle there with his family, Mr Sveen Stray, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, told Parliament.

In Stockholm, 140 of 349 MPs sent messages to Mr Sakharov, the Soviet leader, urging Mr Sakharov's release and inviting him to Sweden, and in Washington President Reagan proclaimed May 21 as national Andrei Sakharov Day.

Seoul protest

Seoul - Mr Kim Young Sam, the former South Korean opposition leader, under house arrest since last June said yesterday he was beginning a hunger strike in protest at the lack of democracy under the Government of President Chun Doo Hwan.

Aide resigns

Rangoon (Reuters) - Brigadier-General Tin Oo, known to Burma as the right-hand man of General Ne Win, resigned from his parliamentary posts yesterday, but the announcement made no reference to his powerful position as Joint Secretary of the Burma Socialist Programme Party.

Rival rallies

Noumea (Reuters) - Opponents and supporters of French rule over the Pacific territory of New Caledonia staged rival demonstrations as M. Georges Lemoine, French Junior Minister for Overseas Territories, arrived for a visit. About 30,000 marched in support of the French and 5,000 for independence.

Mugabe tour

Budapest (AP) - Mr Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, arrived here for an official visit on the first stage of an East European tour, with stops planned in Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

Editor freed

Valletta - Mr Tony Mallia, editor of the Nationalist Party's press in Malta, was released by police after being held for 24 hours in connection with his interview with Dr Eddie Fenech-Adami, the Nationalist leader.

Correction

Brigadier-General Amos Yaron, of Israel, is not former major-general, as reported on May 17.

Pilot killed by gust after safe golf course landing

From Our Correspondent, Johannesburg

The British pilot of a light aircraft who had made a forced landing on the sixteenth fairway of his local golf course after he ran out of fuel, was killed yesterday when he crashed taking off onto the seventeenth.

Mr Joseph Higham, aged 37, from Huddersfield, was talking off from the Kensington Golf Course, Johannesburg, when his wife, Gwendolin, seven

President expects MX cash approval soon

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The administration gave the President his third MX victory in a week. The matter goes to Congress next week where approval seems likely, but it is still by no means assured.

The outcome is particularly important for the administration as it will set the tone for a new congressional debate in the coming weeks on whether to allocate \$6,000m for the actual procurement of the first operational missiles during the 1984 financial year.

The vote, which followed a massive lobbying campaign by

Americans stand united, ready to negotiate in good faith until we succeed in reducing the level of nuclear weapons on both sides," he said.

The President was speaking shortly after the House appropriations committee had voted by 30-26 in favour of a resolution that would free \$625 (£403m) for the development of the missile. The funds had been blocked since the end of last year.

Squabbling Nato 'near to collapse'

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

A warning that internal squabbles could lead Nato to the point of collapse comes today from the International Institute for Strategic Studies. It says in its Strategic Survey 1982-83 that this year looks like being crucial.

Controversy over the deployment of cruise and Pershing 2 missiles, economic protectionism, last year's split over the Soviet pipeline and anti-Americanism in Western Europe are among the causes of Nato's troubles.

Protest march in Paris

From Diana Geddes
Paris

The latest increase in the price index of 1.4 per cent for April means that the French Government will almost certainly have to take further austerity measures if it is to achieve its 8 per cent inflation target by the end of the year.

Social unrest may block fresh dose of austerity

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The Government is reluctant to introduce further measures for fear that they will exacerbate the simmering social unrest.

Prices have risen by 3.9 per cent in the first four months of this year, or at an annual rate of 11.7 per cent. That means that prices could only rise by an average of 0.5 per cent a month for the next eight months if the Government is to achieve its 8 per cent target.

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Sudan puts down mutiny of southern troops and blames foreign contacts

Khartoum (Reuter)—The Sudanese Army has put down a mutiny among troops in Southern Sudan, the Army Command said yesterday. The mutiny broke out last Sunday in a battalion of the First Division of the Southern Region. It gave no immediate details of casualties.

Signs of unrest have recently re-emerged in Southern Sudan after several years of quiet. The South fought a 17-year civil war until 1972 against the rule of the north.

"But we resorted to wisdom and tolerance and tried to tackle the situation with an authentic national spirit aimed at preserving the integrity and security of the country".

The announcement said the troops' behaviour was because of "foreign contacts and instigations". The authorities had watched closely until the situation in a company of the disbanded battalion "reached the stage of disobeying orders," the statement said.

"When decisive measures became imperative in order to maintain the unity of the country and discipline and prestige of the armed forces the Army staged successful military operations on positions of the

company in Bor and Fabor in Jonglei province".

The army captured huge amounts of arms and ammunition in Bor, the statement said.

The captured arms were from abroad. "This indicated that something was being plotted against Sudan's unity and security as part of a hostile criminal act against the Sudan."

The announcement did not identify the source of arms or the foreign contacts. Sudan has repeatedly accused Libya of trying to sow unrest in the Southern Region.

Last February, President Nimeiry accused Libya of plotting to parachute insurgents into Khartoum to overthrow the Government.



Anti-war youths disrupt Bundestag

Security men taking firm action in Bonn yesterday against a group of youths who burst into the West German Bundestag, threw paint and raised anti-war banners. They also stormed the Speaker's rostrum in the Lower House as deputies were taking part in a special session, Reuter reports.

Officials dragged away about 25 young people involved in the demonstration after they had thrown bags of red paint at the giant symbolic eagle behind the Speaker's podium and chanted slogans.

The protesters were among some 500 young people invited by President Carstens and the political parties to

attend a special "youth question time". They unfurled banners saying "End fascism" and "No more war" and scattered leaflets demanding "Freedom for Mao".

After the demonstrators had been removed, Herr Rainer Barzel, the Bundestag Speaker, called them vandals.

Clerks seek Catalan control over failed bank

From Richard Wigg Madrid

More than 1,500 employees of the Banco Catalana, the ailing regional banking group, demonstrated yesterday outside the Prime Minister's office here against the decision to sell it to a consortium of Madrid-based private banks.

As the Cabinet was holding its regular meeting the protesters handed in a petition demanding that the Banca Catalana, with acknowledged losses of £817m last year, should be nationalized, or at least kept under Catalan control.

The leader of the bank employees' Socialist trade union accused the Goozales Government of "lacking the courage" to confront Spain's biggest private banks.

The Economics Minister of the region's autonomous government backed the demand for a Catalan solution. He complained that the Bank of Spain had opted for a simple technical way out, ignoring the political implications.

Acting swiftly to stifle growing demands for nationalization, the Bank of Spain had on Tuesday night approved the sale to the consortium. The stricken Banco Catalana has only been kept going since last autumn by the intervention of the Bank of Spain's deposit guarantees fund, jointly financed by the Exchequer and the private banks.

Curfew imposed in Upper Volta

Abidjan, Ivory Coast (Reuter)—Upper Volta's military Government has clamped a dusk to dawn curfew on the country after President Jean-Baptiste Ouédraogo's apparent move against radical elements in his ruling People's Salvation Council (CSP), diplomatic sources said.

There was still no official confirmation that Captain Thomas Sankara, the Prime Minister, considered the most radical member of the 120 member CSP, had been detained. But the independent Upper

Volta daily *L'Observateur* said yesterday that both he and Major Jean-Baptiste Lingani, another prominent left-winger, were detained at dawn on Tuesday along with other military leaders.

Diplomatic sources in Ouagadougou, the capital said Major Ouédraogo's future hinged on the attitude of paratroop regiment stationed at Debougou, 125 miles west of the capital, where Captain Sankara, a paratrooper, remains very popular.

Contacted by telephone they said that they were not surprised by Major Ouédraogo's move against CSP members whom he accused of being demagogues and of acting irresponsibly.

Upper Volta capital was calm yesterday and tanks had withdrawn from the streets one day after the "purge" of the council, AFP reports.

The Volta population had returned to work, and the tanks which were stationed near the Prime Minister's residence had left the area.

Britain shows interest in Greek frigates order

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece wants four new frigates for its navy, with an option for another three, and British Shipbuilders has shown strong interest in the project.

Each frigate would cost about £130m to build. Equipment and accessories, as well as training of personnel could raise the total outlay for the four warships to £1,000m.

Sources said the Greek Government wants the ships to be built under licence at Hellenic Shipyards, near Piraeus, which are owned by Mr Stavros Niarchos, the ship owner. Greece recently bought two frigates from The Netherlands.

Hellenic Shipyards gained substantial experience by building six of the Greek Navy's 12 Combatant missile boats under French licence.

Plans for the latest project come as Greece and Britain are negotiating a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in the arms industry.

Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, has just spent three days in Athens to carry the negotiations one stage further. He expected the document to be signed in July.

His main mission, however, was to persuade the Greek Government, which is on the verge of ordering between 100 and 120 new warplanes to meet the needs of the Air Force until the year 2000 to choose the Tornado, by offering inducements in the form of easier credits.

Mr Pattie, who saw Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, told *The Times* he felt encouraged that the Tornado, which is competing against the American F16 and F18 as well as the French Mirage 2000, had very real chances of being selected.

The Greeks had apparently appreciated the Tornado's role as a deterrent, in view of its capability for deep penetration, but also the value of the deal offered and the partnership proposed by Panavia, the British-German-Italian consortium that manufactures the aircraft.

Britain feels it has not had its fair share of Greek defence contracts since the restoration of democracy, despite its refusal, unlike other countries, to sell arms to the colonels.

Mr Pattie, after his talks with Greek officials, believes that Greece will make its choice within a month and will probably opt in favour of a 50-50 American-European mix. He wanted to make sure that the European choice was the Tornado.

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Relics of Imperial India European accents in the gentlemen's club

From Michael Hamlyn, Madras

There are dotted about India some striking relics of its imperial past. One such is the stately Queen Victoria which still stands here in Madras. Most such statues disappeared very early on in a fit of post-independence fervour.

In Delhi for instance the statue of King George V which used to stand under a canopy by the India Gate was removed early on. It was to be replaced, everyone agreed, with a statue of Mahatma Gandhi, but no one could agree whether he should be depicted standing or sitting, so the plinth is still vacant.

Another survival is the gentlemen's club. There is a well-known one at Ootacamund, where long ago they invented snooker. At the Madras Club they invented Mulligatawny soup. The Madras Club still stands though it crumbles a trifle. There are terraces overlooking the splendidly colonial roof beams, and it has suffered a few changes. Essentially, however, it is the same.

The membership has been allowed to increase from 200 to 225. The past of the visitors' book signed by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh has had to be taken away for renovation after some tearways vandalized it. One of the most significant changes, perhaps, occurred when the committee decided to replace the *Daily Telegraph*, which each day was fixed to a Victorian lectern on the porch, with the *International Herald Tribune*.

By far the largest proportion of the members now are of course Indians but still most people making use of it are expatriate Europeans. The German accent is often heard

at dinner and some of the English accents have Scandinavian tints. The Russian Consul General is not a member. "Though we'd be delighted to have him" said one.

The club walls are still decorated with original sketches by the Daniels - father and son - who travelled the subcontinent after Victoria became Empress of India. They created the images by which her British subjects became familiar with her new domain.

There are no women members though women may become associate members. As the sun goes down and the Southern Cross hangs low in the night sky, the members can gather on the verandah, a fan stirring the humid air, and retrace the 150-year history of their establishment.

As they sip their gin or fresh lime juice they tell of the various eccentricities of their older members, like the one who bred snakes at home until his landlord tried to have him evicted for keeping venomous animals; or the strange mischance that had a seventeenth-century Englishman called Sir Francis Day fall in love with a Portuguese girl from the trading post of San Thome.

Day decided to put his own trading post on a headland near by, fortify it and call it Fort St George. He did not appear to mind that there was very little natural water available. Fort St George developed into Madras. The water did not get much more abundant, and the splendid lawn that leads down to the polluted green stream bordering the grounds of the club is brown and burnt.

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Apology for faked Hitler diaries

Stern editor takes blame

Herr Henri Nannen, founder and editor-in-chief of Stern, apologizes today to the magazine's 1,600,000 readers for what has been called the worst scandal in journalistic history...

journalists, who again yesterday held mass protest meetings to press their demands for Herr Nannen's resignation...

two new editors, Herr Peter Scholl-Latour and Herr Johannes Gross, nor dismiss Herr Nannen and Herr Schulte-Hillen...

will not go on strike, as they do not want to damage Stern any further, but rather would like to bring it back to its former influential position...



Herr Nannen: Journalists say he must resign.



Herr Scholl-Latour: Backing from parent company.



Herr Gross: Not seen since his appointment.

Central American turmoil: El Salvador's victims; Contadora moves spurned

Revenge killings and a legacy of moral chaos

San Salvador, (NYT) - The Government of El Salvador has released more than 50 of the country's 700 political prisoners since the beginning of the year...

newspapers had reported that 15 people, including a student and doctor, had been picked up by the National Guard for having political sympathies...

Peace mission derided by guerrillas on border

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica. A Costa Rican-based anti-Sandinista guerrilla movement...

San José, Costa Rica. The former Sandinista hero, Señor Eder Pastora and Señor Fernando "el Negro" Chamorro...

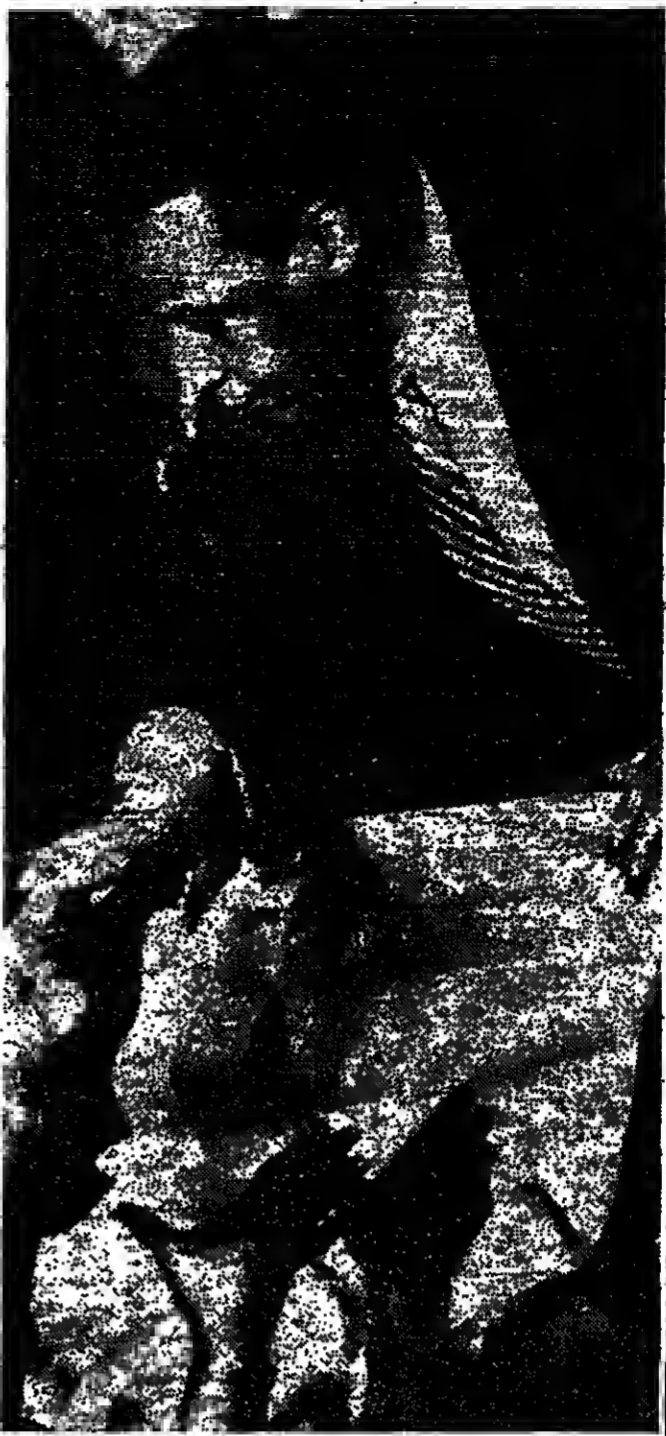
Philadelphia Democrats prefer black for mayor

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington.

Mr Wilson Goode, a shareholder's son who is seeking to become the first black Mayor of Philadelphia, yesterday won the city's Democratic mayoral primary...

He won about 53 per cent of the votes cast and Mr Rizzo 46 per cent, with four outsiders picking up only a handful of votes between them.

They were heartened, however, by the fact that their candidate won about 25 per cent of the white vote in the primary as well as capturing virtually all the black vote.



Victory handshake: Mr Goode gives thanks to the supporters who helped him to win the primary.

Rome terror group is broken up

Rome - Police believe they have broken up one of the last two Red Brigades splinter groups left in Rome, after failure of a terrorist raid on a suburban post office...

One young man was captured on Tuesday when police arrived, while another surrendered after holding two hostages for five hours.

Paris (Reuters) - A Chinese airliner hijacked to south Korea two weeks ago returned home yesterday with 13 airline officials, including a wounded radio operator.

Tokyo (AFP) - Japanese medical experts have cured athlete's foot, ringworm and other skin diseases with laser beams...

Dhaka (Reuters) - Military authorities in Bangladesh have dismissed 112 civil servants, eight of them senior bureaucrats...

Copenhagen (AP) - Scientists are trying to remove a stranded Arctic white whale from a Danish fiord, but they hold little hope it can be saved.

Kampala (Reuters) - A mob of villagers battered to death five people suspected of robbery and murder near the Ugandan capital, the Nsaba newspaper said.

Titograd (AP) - Lightning killed two airport workers who sought shelter from an approaching storm under an airplane they were about to unload.

Anti-apartheid leader convicted for fraud

From Michael Harnishy, Johannesburg.

Mr John Rees, a former secretary-general of the South African Council of Churches and current director of the South African Institute of Race Relations, was convicted yesterday in the Rand Supreme Court on 29 charges of fraud.

Hawke asked about envoy's aid for groups

From Tony Duboué, Melbourne.

The Liberal opposition wants to widen the terms of the Royal Commission into Australia's security and intelligence services to question whether Mr Valeriy Ivanov, the recently expelled Soviet diplomat offered money to organizations here.

Whale stranded

Copenhagen (AP) - Scientists are trying to remove a stranded Arctic white whale from a Danish fiord, but they hold little hope it can be saved.

Lynch law

Kampala (Reuters) - A mob of villagers battered to death five people suspected of robbery and murder near the Ugandan capital, the Nsaba newspaper said.

Fatal stroke

Titograd (AP) - Lightning killed two airport workers who sought shelter from an approaching storm under an airplane they were about to unload.

Britons lose preference

Canberra (Reuters) - Australia's Labour Government, faced with rising unemployment, yesterday cut the number of migrants it will allow in by 10,000 a year.

Right gains three seats in Austrian Cabinet

Vienna (Reuters) - Austria's Socialist Chancellor-designate, Dr Fred Sinowatz yesterday announced a new 15-member coalition Government showing eight changes from the outgoing one-party cabinet.

The new administration includes three members of the rightist-liberal Freedom Party, junior partner in the coalition, with Herr Norbert Steger the party leader.

MEPs' stand on rights

The EEC should not provide aid to any country where the Government is "in clear breach of its obligation on the respect of human rights", the European Parliament has ruled.

Tortured for human consumption

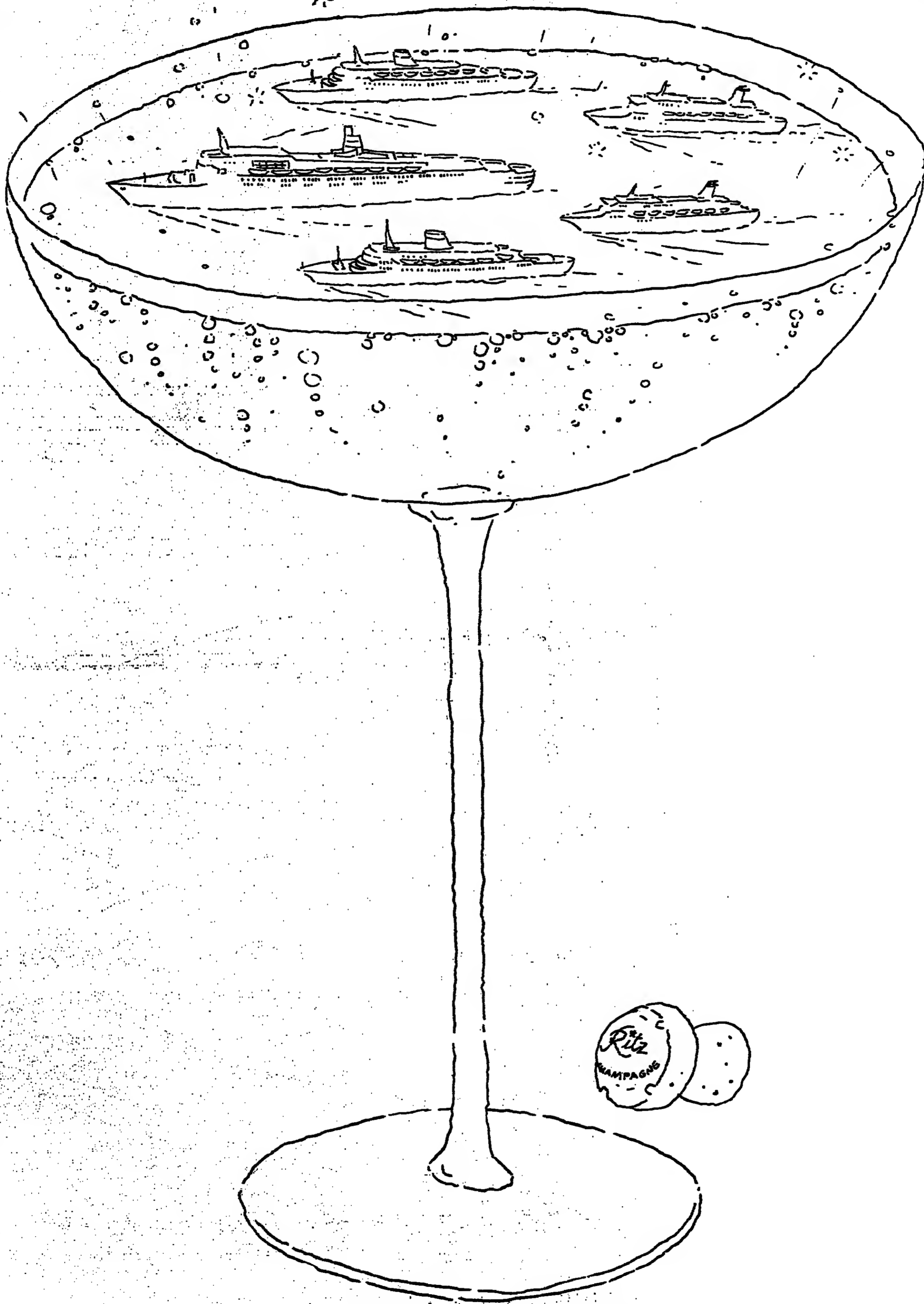


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SPECTRUM

Love thy neighbour... noise permitting

MODERN TIMES

A sideways look at the British way of life

Take Mr Kilfeather from down the road at number 49. Please take him if ever you are up this way...

long dreamed, held just round the corner in the shopping precinct and climaxed by a beheading with one of his own shovels...

That he did wilfully engage the services of a local contractor in order to dismember, topple and remove a mature silver birch...

That he did import into the neighbourhood a doberman pinscher of unsound mind which, through reasons of malnutrition, did repeatedly slaver at the bedroom window of Mrs Biggs...

That he did on several occasions between September 1981 and May 1983 fill the air abutting his premises with the recorded noises of James Last and his Orchestra.

Prosecuting counsel (for which part I would tender my unpaid services now that Sir Michael Horder is so busy) would rise and deliver a denunciation so chilling that grown men proceeding from Safeway's would freeze like Lot into pillars of Cerebus.

I have picked on Mr Kilfeather for two reasons: first, because he picked on me by coming to live here in the first place, and second because he seems to be a pretty fair amalgam of all that one hears complained about in neighbours.

Really I suppose, the Christian but difficult impulse of compassion would be more appropriate. For a start he has thousands of daughters, when all he wanted was a son.

As a result of all this he has erected a sad little potting shed at the end of his garden which two years later, does not contain a single pot - not so much as a thimble.

But to return for a moment to the charge sheet. The silver birch was spotless of any crime, save that of doing what it must do, and what his family does, viz, grow.

Unless the council compels him to tack the poor thing together, with superglue (which is not beyond its wit), it can only be assumed to have shimmered its last.

Neighbours, like relatives but unlike friends, are those near ones whom you cannot choose. The more egregious among them believe that their rights over you come with the freehold, that mere proximity, geographical or genealogical, entitles them to unquestioned spokesmanship.

And he's only been here two years. Where will we be a decade from now, after Mrs Biggs has finally despaired of being believed by the public safety officer about Harvey and moved away?

A knock at the door! Who can it be? I really must remember to fix one of those spy holes so that I can feign absence when Mr Kilfeather comes touting for association levies.

Perhaps he is not so bad after all. What a terrible thought.

Alan Franks



MEZZANINE MISERY

Bernard McKenna, Scriptwriter, editor, who lives in a house of six flats

What's interesting about us is that we're all loners and all professionals. The only time we all meet is once a year for the annual meeting of the residents' association.

RELUCTANT GOALIE

Andrew Tozer, Freelance copywriter, lives in a road where most houses have been converted to flats

Next door on the ground floor is a lady whom, I assume, from the number of CD number-plates on Mercedes and Rolls parked outside, to be from a West African embassy.

wonder why I don't clean my windows. Because I don't do anything in the garden I don't go out in it - they make me feel guilty not by asking me to mow the lawn but by showing me how the mower works...



moved... Strangely the most annoying noise comes from the gang of kids playing football against the garages on the other side. There's nothing quite like the thud of a football on aluminium on a hot summer's afternoon...

TRADE RELATIONS

Bob Payne, Wine bar proprietor and restaurateur, about his neighbour Harry Harris

One of the bonuses of opening the wine bar has been getting to know Harry Harris. I warned to him immediately. We never talk about racing, although we have a standing date to go to Cheltenham when he promises to show me what it's all about.

Harry Harris, Turf accountant, about his immediate neighbour Bob Payne

This one? He's not a bad fellow though he beats me at crib sometimes. I pop in most days to say hello, have the occasional glass of wine. Sometimes we walk over the road and have a beer together...



OVER THE FIVE-BAR GATE

Antony Payne with his own small farm in Devon

Farmers are definitely more neighbourly than other people. Your neighbours are similar and you need your friends. I'm all sheep at the moment, Gordon Knott has cows and sheep and Gordon Kelliway's are sheep and beef.

RICH MAN IN HIS CASTLE...

Patrick Hickman, Businessman farmer with a house in London and Hale Park

We were friends first and established a business relationship afterwards. I farm four days a week - I'd possibly stagnate if it were seven. It's marvellous having someone here when I'm in London.

David Whittle, Broadcasting consultant with an office over Hale Park stables

I was looking for a new office. During a discussion with friends Patrick said: "Why don't you come and use the flat over my stables?" He appears on Thursdays and goes back to town on Mondays.

Judy Froshaug

A large cartoon illustration by Howard Chandler Christy showing a man and a woman in a bar setting. The man is reading a newspaper and the woman is talking to him. Captions include: 'Flavia goes to the pub early to inspect a pint of beer in peace...', '...Of course, being Italian, they haven't got enough Opinion Polls up there to SWAY it!', 'The great height of the Italian media has not slowed it down!', 'What they want is a Swingometer to distract it from its intended course at the last moment!', 'It's a relief to have something to divert attention from the election build-up, though, isn't it? Otherwise we might get bored.', 'YAWN!'.

And now, General Menendez writes...

We have not heard a single word from General Gaiter since he last wrote a column for us and, though we are naturally anxious about his wellbeing...

General Menendez writes: He is well and fine. He is just disappeared, that is all. As you know, there has been a lot of controversy in Argentina recently about people who have disappeared for ever...

General Menendez writes: Excellent, excellent. The Argentine Army has been experimenting with these for quite a while and we hope to use them in the next war.

General Menendez writes: I don't quite see how you'll be able to creep up and immobilize enemy vehicles with yellow clamps... Mark B. London.

General Menendez writes: Actually, the idea is to put them on our own tanks and carriers, to prevent a retreat. What did you think of the

Hitler Diaries fiasco? - Frank G., London. General Menendez writes: My friend, if only I had been consulted in time, I could have prevented all this. After all, I have seen the genuine diaries. As you know, or perhaps do not know, Señor Hitler was a resident in a country not far from mine for many years...

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 63)

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-26. Below the grid is a list of words to be placed in the grid. SOLUTION TO No 62: 1. Casuarina, 2. Vanity, 3. Racy, 4. Frontier, 5. Cul de sac, 12. Man, 15. Animal, 16. Funnell, 17. Pen, 19. Fallsafe, 24. Quickest, 25. User, 26. Sprout, 27. Inborn. DOWN: 1. Curt, 2. Sanctimonious, 3. Gaffer, 4. Viola, 5. Note, 6. Theme, 10. Draft, 11. Churn, 12. Manifesto, 13. Nile, 14. Carp, 18. Equip, 20. Avert, 21. Lash, 22. Echo, 23. Cruz.

THE TIMES DIARY

Singalonga Tories

Give the Tories credit for stage management. Taped music was played as a prelude to the Prime Minister's entry at her manifesto-launching press conference.

Day for night

There is something creepy about the general election campaign in Crawley. Les Allen, the Labour candidate, has put out a special leaflet detailing his plans; these seem to be to spend the mornings in bed while all the

Dearer Diary?

In a possibly mistaken tribute to the power of the press my local Tory candidate in Hackney South, Peter Croft, has delivered to my home a personalized election address, typed specially for me.

A messenger from Conservative Central Office spent 4000 at Labour HQ yesterday buying 1,000 copies of the Labour manifesto. Tory campaign managers are sending copies to all Conservative candidates and to business leaders.

Wendygate?

A hiccup on the Financial Times recorded information service yesterday morning jammed the switchboard with calls from all over the world. It was a four-line hiccup, spat out with great passion by the usually composed young woman who recites news, in place of the rate for the Australian dollar.

305 not out

It is two years since Boer War Veterans held their last official reunion, but three old soldiers still refuse to fade away. Their latest get-together was arranged last week by the Army Benevolent Fund and British Red Cross.

Danger man

Man now counts as wildlife, for purposes of the second international Wildlife Film and Television Festival to be held in Bristol next year. Pictures of pack-hunting punks will not be welcome.

HP

What a saucer AI is not what it seems in the Houses of Parliament catering facilities. While other caterers are closed, PHS-philologists about West minister are obliged to use the Westminster Hall staff canteen, known as Plods' because it is much frequented by police.

CORRECTION

This picture of Richard Holme, political adviser to David Steel, was wrongly captioned on the Spectrum page yesterday.

Party funds: no clear Tory lead

The Conservatives have always been able to out-spend opponents. But that advantage is disappearing, says Michael Pinto-Duschinsky

Whatever its outcome, the 1983 general election is bound to break the mould of post-war campaign spending. In most recent elections party managers based their plans on the assumption that voters made up their minds over a long period, not in the four weeks before the poll.

In this election, the pattern will be reversed. When Mrs Thatcher announced the election date, the parties had spent virtually nothing on advertising (the Tories had paid £120,000 for a two-day press campaign before the local elections).

There are several reasons for this new concentration on the campaign period. First, the fact that more voters seem to be making up their minds at the very end makes it rational for the party managers to telescope publicity into the final weeks and days before the vote.

The odds in favour of 41 barrels of highly toxic and well travelled Italian dioxin waste ending up in Britain have shortened disturbingly over the last three weeks. The waste from the explosion which devastated the small Lombardy town of Seveso in 1976, was transported to the French frontier under police escort last autumn; after a confirmed sighting in north-east France it "disappeared" en route to its final resting place.

That this might well be Britain has been indicated by a series of hints, from Italian ministers and some cautiously worded statements by their British counterparts. It is not already here - a possibility which cannot, despite Department of Environment denials, be entirely discounted - its arrival could well inject an unwanted environmental issue into the election campaign.

Tartar's Stentor is an unlovely fellow; the sort of creepy-crawly that heaves into view under magnification in a drop of pond water and grows up, if it is lucky, to star-in a video nasty as something from outer space with a predilection for blondes.

on out-advertising Labour before the 1979 election. Further heavy deficits were incurred in 1980-1 and 1981-2 (contrary to regular practice, the party accounts for these years have not yet been published). Although the Conservative routine finances are again in balance, the situation still seems to be precarious and it is not surprising that Central Office has avoided costly pre-election advertising on the model of 1957-9, 1963-4, 1969-70 and 1978-9.

A third reason for the new pattern of spending is the increasingly flexible interpretation of election law. Since the Liberals broke with precedent in February 1974, it has come to be accepted that the central party machines may buy newspaper space and posters during general elections provided that their advertisements promote the party as a whole and not individual candidates.

The low level of spending in the run-up to the campaign means that 1983 will be a cheap-medium election by historical standards (see table). Press speculation about Conservative Central Office spending of £10m or £20m is nonsense. Even if that kind of money could be raised, it would be almost impossible to spend it within the time that is left.

The Conservative failure to match the level of its central spending in

Table: Central spending on general elections (at 1983 values)

David Nicholson-Lord on the British implications of an Italian disaster

used to import waste nobody else wants and which is promptly dumped on arrival. Hence the charges that Britain is becoming the dustbin of Europe. The Government has thus promised discretionary powers to treat waste for "recycling" as "genuine" waste. The countries in reply say the powers would be of little value unless they know of the waste's existence in the first place - which, if the Government has its way, they would not.

Putting backbone into conservation

nificant giant Gippaland earthworm of Victoria, Australia, which is said to make, all 12h of it, "a gurgly sucking sound" as it burrows, and to emit "an odour resembling crocodile which may repel birds, although the kookaburra is known to eat them".

Keeping your head up in a crisis

Barbara Castle

In the early days of this election campaign and yet the Labour Party has already begun to creep forward steadily. For one thing the Conservatives, in an overcalculating strategy, have decided for some curious reason to be last from the starting post, last in the publication of their manifesto and last in the launching of the traditional morning press conference.

Even the self-appointed scourge of Labour, Paul Johnson, scrambled to get a seat. And whatever those men and women wrote in their papers the next day (and Paul Johnson, for one, could not wait to get on his horse), they were impressed. As one of them said to me afterwards: "Very well organized, adding wryly 'and very high minded'. It is a charge that Labour will face with equanimity."

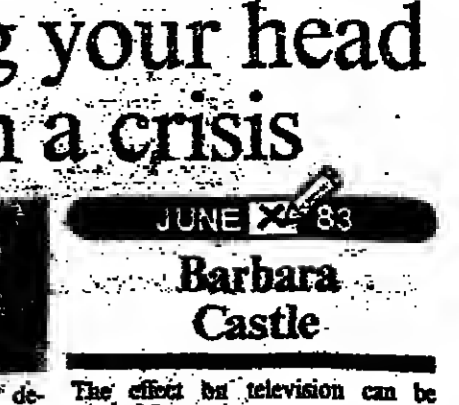
Labour versus the new optimism

For the sake of unity, a number of those commonly called moderates in Labour's collective leadership gave their approval to the party's left-wing manifesto. It is not, however, the final chapter, which has yet to be written by epidemiologists and ecologists as the poison works its way through the metabolism of Lombardy. Similarly, in Britain, government scientists and civil servants will be keeping their fingers crossed that the years of neglect do not have some far more unpleasant surprises in store for us.

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Ronald Butt

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The effect of television can be powerful. Cynics call the device a Sincerity Machine. It is bound to cramp her style in future to know her audience now knows that her sincerity is measured.

Up to a few days ago she and her foreign secretary, Mr Francis Pym, were maintaining their "absolute certainty" that a favourable deal would be signed and sealed. She seemed to have timed it well. Victory at Stuttgart - as she proudly brought Britain's money back home 48 hours before polling day - was to have been a luminous jewel in her election crown.

Her Common Market partners have refused to be hustled in order to suit Mrs Thatcher's electrocognitive convenience. There is no deal - and her nerve has cracked.

When last Monday I wrote that Mrs Thatcher had chosen the wrong election date, I did not realize that retribution would follow so swiftly piece by piece. And there is still Williamsburg - or no Williamsburg - to come.

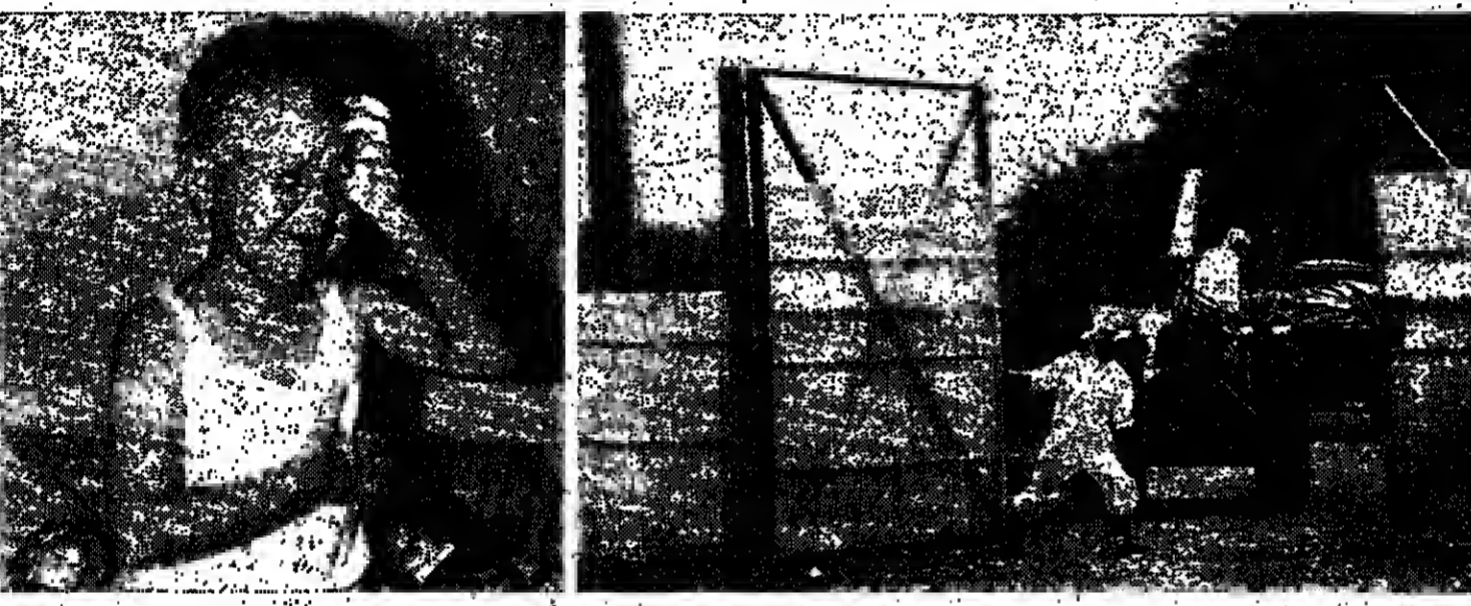
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Effect and cause: A four-year-old girl burned in the 1976 blast and, a year later, protectively garbed workers continuing reclamation operations at the chemical plant

How Seveso's poison could be dumped on our politicians

until 36 drums of cyanide were found near a children's play area in Nuneaton in early 1972. Some five weeks later the Deposit of Poisonous Waste Act was rushed on to the statute book, laying down a system of notification which, as expanded by the Control of Pollution Act to include site housing, provides the basis of the present controls.

Putting backbone into conservation

nificant giant Gippaland earthworm of Victoria, Australia, which is said to make, all 12h of it, "a gurgly sucking sound" as it burrows, and to emit "an odour resembling crocodile which may repel birds, although the kookaburra is known to eat them".

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SOME WAY STILL TO GO

Self-confidence and self-respect are two fundamental ingredients of a stable society.

The two main factors are economic conditions and the rate of pay determined by the activities of organized labour.

these circumstances the Government should be speaking more and doing more to recognize that the structure of British industrial society is undergoing a sea-change.

Nevertheless the high and persistent level of unemployment represents a political failure of some kind.

Beyond these priorities there are other policies which will receive more detailed examination on these pages.

If we forget, our partners have memories. They still recall that European Union was chartered on this shore of the Channel.

The Falklands episode clearly ranks as one of the Government's main achievements.

It is true that the Government is spending an extra £2 billion this year on special training measures for unemployed people.

This is a cautious manifesto, carefully worded so that it threatens nobody with a radical cutting edge.

NO BURDEN OF BLAME

When a modern steel ship of 1400 tons drifts onto the rocks and a lifeboat sent to help is smashed like crockery.

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Air travel injuries

From Professor Bin Cheng Sir, Your timely leader of May 11, "Fly now, lose later."

foreign airlines concerned to fly into the country. An alternative solution would be the promotion of an international treaty.

encouragement, voluntarily waiving, in the event of passengers suffering injury, their right to invoke articles 20 and 21 (1) of the Warsaw Convention.

A vote for shame in quitting EEC

From Mr Cosmo Russell From Mr Russell's withdrawal from the EEC, supported by the Labour Party, is argued entirely from the angle of atrociously conceived British interest.

Media coverage of the Lebanon war

From Rabbi David J. Goldberg, Sir, Your editorial, "Friends beyond the need" (May 16), was peevish, querulously defensive.

Caring homes for parish records

From Mr Hugh Peskett Sir, As I drafted Lord Teviot's Bill, which was read twice in the House of Lords before its essential provisions reached the statute book.

Death fear in S. Africa

From Sir Richard Acland and others Sir, We would like to draw the attention of your readers to the plight of six young men.

Doubtful claim

From Mr G. H. Clifford Sir, I read the double-page advertisement on pages 8 and 9 of your issue of today (May 18).

Budget balance

From Mr B'nyne Godley and Mr Francis Cripps Sir, Your reviewer's discussion (May 12) of our book on macroeconomics contains a serious mistake.

A shifting arch

From Mrs Jane Van Tassel Sir, I am afraid that Mr Wilkinson's "symmetrical arch of nuclear deterrence" (May 12) is the perfect prescription for a continuing nuclear arms race.

The chaplain's role

From Captain J. F. R. Weir, RN Sir, On Friday (May 13) your Religious Correspondent tried to stir it up among the Service chaplains.

Threat in Red Square

From Mr Paul Barau Sir, The whole multilateral, unilateral nuclear disarmament debate rests on the answer to one question: how would Soviet Russia respond to the other side's nuclear disarmament?

nations will be united in loyalty to the service for which they have volunteered.

War of whatever kind is evil. Peace is kept by the balance of power.

Archbishop's views

From Mr Hugh W. Paine Sir, Poor Archbishop Heim; when the Pope visited Great Britain only a year ago many people in high places were falling over themselves to say what a great job the Archbishop had done in this country.

Getting the message

From Mr Patrick Roper Sir, At 8.30 this morning, as I was driving to work, I had a sudden urge to buy a copy of The Times.

Of course the nominal Budget deficit goes up when there is inflation. Our point is that the whole financial system can expand in nominal terms without any change in real variables.

It is an ancient prejudice to suppose that real balance effects cut demand; such effects acting on liabilities as well as on assets may equally well be neutral or indeed augment demand - unless, that is, the monetary authorities intervene to enforce nominal money targets through real Budget surpluses.

The point is not entirely academic. Since 1979 there has been a real Budget surplus (and a corresponding fall in the purchasing power of the total public debt) which has aggravated recession in Britain and elsewhere.

Please will Professor Peston have another look at chapters 11 and 12. Yours faithfully, WYNNE GODLEY, FRANCIS CRIPPS, Department of Applied Economics, University of Cambridge, Sedgwick Avenue, Cambridge, May 13.

Could it be that the large number of readers that must have studied this article prior to 8.30 pm had set up a resonance field that impelled me to buy a copy of your newspaper? Yours faithfully (sic), PATRICK ROPER, South View, Sedgwick, Batic, East Sussex, May 6.

The Hitler diaries

From Mr William Douglas-Home Sir, One cannot help admiring Lord Dacre's handsome apology (feature, May 14) regarding the part he took in the saga of the Hitler diaries.

THE ARTS

Irving Wardle investigates the blossoming of pastiche and parody in a theatre growing free of bigotry Yesterday's idols spectacularly relaunched

Parody may be the sincerest form of flattery when it comes to Max Beerbohm taking the penis off Swinburne, or Evelyn Waugh doing his Pater number, but how does that apply to the highly topical...

It would be interesting to have Miss Deegan's response to this reading of her innocent account of midnight feasts, classroom intrigue and pitched battles with loaded hot-water bottles...

Cherry Orchard in the same authors' The White Glove. Vanbrugh and Sheridan, meanwhile, have been getting the treatment from Alan Ayckbourn in his rewritten A Trip to Scarborough.

Not everything in folklore is amenable to pastiche. Shakespeare and the Bible may be common property, but they are outside Miss Deegan's range.

There will always be a market for the pastiche writer, but the impulse to bring it back away from the further adventures of heroes left stranded by their creators' deaths...

As a good play on a perennial subject, Laurel and Hardy stands outside the magnetic field of fashion; and you have to seek some other cause for the return of such forgotten favourites as the Grange-wood School Festival or Mr Cinders.



The Daisy (Alexandra Mathis) who pulls it off: no lack of respectable ancestors?

Dance Joyous

Laura Dean Sadler's Wells

Laura Dean reminds me of the would-be philosopher who could not stop happiness from breaking in. Advance reports of her dances laid emphasis on the theories and austerity behind them.

Take Inner Circle, the first piece on Tuesday night's programme. Six dancers enter, one by one, picking up the simple, repetitive patterns set by the first arrival.

That piece ends exhilaratingly, with one of Dean's trademarks spinning. But what a lot of ways there are to spin. Each dancer revolves on his or her own axis, clockwise, but two of them are also tracing a circle, anti-clockwise.

The other recurring feature is an undulating use of the arms, falling into shapes that recall Tai Chi or certain oriental dances. Dean, it seems, started choreography with absolutely minimal movements, walking and turning, in order to avoid other dance influences.

She names action painters of the Pollock school as an influence on her development. Minimalist composers, such as Philip Glass, must have been equally important.

The movement, however, is entirely her own; moments look awkward but the cumulative effect is compelling. Dean's only solo (she also plays synthesizer) is softer than her company's dancing.

John Percival

Opera Pintilie's brilliant box of fireworks

Carmen New Theatre, Cardiff

Who has the last word on Bizet's Carmen? There was Faggioli at the Edinburgh Festival staging a near-perfect version. Then came Brook in Paris with La Tragédie de Carmen at the Bouffes du Nord.

Pintilie, now in his mid-fifties, on his British debut, hinted in Michael Ratcliff's interview earlier this week that there would be fireworks. And fireworks there are, literal and metaphorical.

Blinded by love: Micaëla (Helen Field) with José (Jacques Trussel)

His opening proposition, that Carmen is the first opera put on after a revolution, is an irrelevance. But it allows him, with the aid of his regular designers, Radu and Miruna Boruzescu, to fill his stage, or rather arena, with sandbags, dugouts, revolutionaries and all the detritus of war.

A Kazakh proverb says that a Kazakh prizes only four things, his horse, his gun, his birthplace and his wife - and in that order. They live in the far north-west of China between Mongolia and Tibet.

This was not easy for the Kazakhs, who did not take kindly to the suppression of their customs, and some fled. Nor was it that easy for the Chinese, who found these nomads, one of the minority tribes who occupy half the land mass of China, rather obdurate.

John Percival

Theatre Dead Ringer Duke of York's

Opening with a spot of pre-election satire, getting down to business with a corpse on the Downing Street carpet.

Based on a book by Logan Gourtay, Dead Ringer develops from the unlikely premise that, when the Prime Minister drops dead on the eve of the polls, his Cabinet colleagues are able to wheel in an actor double to take his place and win them a thumping majority.

It begins, as you would expect, with Gerry scanning the Official Secrets Act as an artist's contract, and familiarizing himself with the props on his desk.

John Higgins

agreed. He chose well and filmed well, sometimes from horseback, which is the way, of course, that nomads get around. Whatever discomfort this might have caused him and the cameraman Mike Blakely, it did not show through.

This was an excellent film. There is no doubt the Kazakhs have come up in the world, their women too. The closing scenes where the tribe celebrating a wedding - nowadays women choose their own partners instead of being traded for pots and pans or horses - showed the women pursuing the men with whips to show who belonged to whom, and might make some in the West feel they are even ahead of the feminist game.

Dennis Hackett

Concerts A dubious mixture

Anup Kumar Biswas Queen Elizabeth Hall

Tuesday night's concert, in aid of the Ethiopian Famine Relief Fund, suggested Western and Indian classical music do not mix well in the same programme, and there was also a question as to whether the latter can be advantageously played on the cello.

Perhaps the diversity of Beethoven's variations unsettled him, but Fauré's evening-flowing Elegie was much better. His tone was fuller, the phrasing was entirely coherent, the long singing lines were beautifully shaped.

Max Harrison

Why are Sibelius's songs so rarely performed in this country? I suppose the complexities of the Swedish and Finnish languages have something to do with it, but more important, the musical idiom itself is extraordinarily elusive.

Geoffrey Norris

Television Comrades of custom

This time producing a benign government attitude. Minorities were in and, in the case of the wool-producing Kazakhs, rather privileged. It was with them that Granada closed its splendid series Inside China last night.

They focused on the family of Abder Qain, respected elder ("white beard") and a man who has probably seen it all before and half expects to see it again. The Kazakhs are Muslim, though this tribe was down to its last mullah - and he was 76 - and not very religious, but they like being Kazakhs. We saw them last night migrating from winter to summer pastures, getting tipsy on fermented mare's milk and generally looking well fed and pretty happy about it all.

The director-producer, Andre Singer, was allowed to choose his own family by the Chinese as long as the local collective

Cannes Film Festival Eccentrically dark defeatism

Andrei Tarkovsky's Nostalgia was one of the major showpieces reserved for the final days of the Cannes Festival. Those who found The Mirror and Stalker obscure will not be reassured to learn that beside his new film - the first he has made outside the Soviet Union - they appear positively luminous and transparent.

Tarkovsky himself gloomily dismisses any likelihood of being understood: "A work of art - or literature, music, theatre or cinema - can be understood only by those who belong to the cultural area in which this work was born. He who, even belonging to another culture, claims to have understood it, is deluding himself."

David Robinson

PERSONAL BANK CHARGES.

On May 31st we'll be making a change to the way we calculate our bank charges.

The change relates to the allowance which we make on the credit balances in the account, and which we then deduct from any charges incurred.

For the past twelve months, longer than any other bank, we have maintained this allowance at 5% per annum. In line with falling interest rates in general, we are now reducing the rate to 3% per annum, and this may vary from time to time.

However, the cost of a cheque or other withdrawal will remain at 28p, and direct debits will remain at 15p.

And it will still be possible to avoid bank charges altogether by keeping a minimum of £100 in your cheque account throughout a quarterly charges period.



SUMMER GARDENS NUMBER A Warwickshire Garden in Colour Arthur Hellyer visits Irmington Manor, near Shipston-on-Stour. Chelsea Flower Show A preview by Robert Pearson. Rediscovering Topiary Tony Venison examines the reasons for a revived interest in topiary and box hedging. Summer Outings for Containers Christopher Lloyd's suggestions for planting schemes in tubs and pots. Conserving Old Garden Pinks Will Inghwersen looks at old Dianthus varieties. plus The result of the Country Life Record Birdwatch in East Anglia last Saturday. COUNTRY LIFE ON SALE NOW

MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

ICI soars on US buying

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, May 9. Dealings end, May 20. Contango Day, May 23. Settlement Day, May 31.

The Americans are still big fans of ICI. Yesterday, they made their point by starting a stampede for the shares and pushing the price up 2 1/2p to equal the year's high of 476p.

This latest move coincided with a seminar at the Savoy Hotel arranged by brokers De Zoete & Bevan to discuss the group's loss-making petrochemical and plastics division.

Those present seemed to have decided that the worst may now be over. Recent first quarter figures from ICI showed losses at this division reduced from between £30m and £40m to only £10m. Last year, its total loss was £139m.

The recent strength of the Deutsche Mark combined with higher prices and a slight pick-up in demand should see those losses greatly reduced. It is doubtful that the deficit will exceed £30m for the year as a whole. As a result De Zoete are looking for profits for the entire group of £500m this year and possibly a record £700m next year.

But other ICI watchers believe the share price may be running ahead of events, with the Americans using ICI shares as a hedge against renewed

weakness in the dollar. Brokers Greenwell say they are slightly more optimistic after the better-than-expected first quarter figures, but would not chase the price above 450p.

Bankers, Noble Grassart, has offered 5m shares at 40p each in 163/2 plantations company, Anglo America Agricultural, formerly Scottish Ceylon Tea. It hopes to raise £4m to help expand the company's vineyard and joboa acreages in the US and take nearer the ambitious target of a £30m to £50m capitalisation and full listing within two years. The company's shares are currently held by a number of leading institutions and trade at 40p.

In the event, the surge in the price of ICI and P & O was mainly responsible for the 14.2 jump in the FT Index to 689.8 - its biggest one-day gain for more than two months.

US investors were also responsible for another record session on the traded options market where 9,277 contracts were recorded - easily exceeding Monday's record of 9,115 contracts. Investors are banking on a landslide victory for the Conservatives at next month's General Election which they hope will result in another boost to share prices.

Glits enjoyed renewed support, sporting gains of up to 1/2p, at one stage on the back of the firmer pound which ended the day 0.4 cents higher at £1.5640 on the foreign exchange. However, profit-taking after hours cut the lead to only 1/2p by the close.

Among the other blue chips, selective support boosted Bechem 16p to 396p. Courtauld 4p to 102p, BOC Group 3p to 204p, Glaxo 25p to 885p and Imperial Group 3p to 114p. In electricals, Pleasants was again wanted, closing 15p up at a new high of 649p, for a two-day lead

of 23p, ahead of figures next week. On the bid front, Extel, the financial news information service, stepped up its battle to win control of Beva Brothers.

BP is becoming increasingly 'excited' by the UK's on-land potential and is currently drilling a series of eight shallow wells up in the East Midlands which look promising. All good news for Floyd Oil, which has a 25 per cent stake in the project, and has risen from the 80p level recently to close at 105p last night. It is estimated a small 5 million barrel find could be worth an extra 40p a share to the group.

Brokers Hoare Garrett bought a 20 1/2p, BOC Group 3p to further 165,000 shares taking its stake in Beva to just under 20 per cent. United Newspapers wanted, closing 15p up at a new high of 649p, for a two-day lead

to raise its offer. Beva ended the day 23p up at 231p, while Extel slipped 2p to 308p. United Newspapers rose 3p to 241p after its decision not to chase the bid higher.

Mr Brian Reynolds, the 36-year-old chairman and founder of Micro Focus must be well pleased with his group's reception to first dealings on the United Securities Market. The 2.6 million shares of his group, which supplies software development aids to the microcomputer industry, were offered by way of tender at a minimum price of 155p.

Yesterday the price opened at 260p after being more than four times oversubscribed before closing at 265p. Awaiting figures today, shares of Mr Asif Nadir's Polly Pack, the fruit and packaging group, rose £1 to £17 1/2. The market is looking for pretax profits of about £9m compared with £3m last year.

Shares of Whessoe slipped 2p to 130p after yesterday's report in The Times that Costain Group had sold its near 15 per cent stake at 134 1/2p and had given up all hopes of making a full bid.

THE TIMES 1000 1982/83 The World's Top Companies

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SHIPPING

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

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Money Market Rates

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Other Markets

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Dollar Spot Rates

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Euro-Deposits

Table with columns: 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months.

Gold

Table with columns: Gold price, Gold price per ounce.

First Class Finance Houses

Table with columns: 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months.

Pinacne Home Base Rate

Table with columns: 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months.

Financial notebook

Why rate reform is always stymied

Few would disagree with Mrs Thatcher that local property rates are "not a good system of taxation". Yet, despite their unpopularity among house-owning voters and business alike, despite independent commissions, select committees and a high-powered cabinet committee fruitlessly devoted to redeeming election pledges on domestic rates, no one has come up with a simple way of replacing them.

Jonathan Clare looks at Britain's new breed of shopkeepers

Quiet revolution in the high street



Driving force: (from left) Gerald Ronson, Cyril Spencer, Sir Terence Conran, Ralph Halpern, Sir James Hanson

The high street is in turmoil and there are too many opportunities that cannot be ignored, Sir Terence Conran said last week as he unexpectedly, if quietly, bowed out of the chair at J Hepworth after just over a year.

cash consuming one - something which would appeal equally to Mr Ronson or Sir James. For all the appeal of high technology it can be an expensive thing to dabble in.

is getting shorter. On any 10-year performance table, Woolworth and UDS would have been propping up the bottom with Debenhams not far above.

design and quality have become just as important. Price was the watchword only in the days when buyers were stalking Oxford Street to see what the young things were wearing before getting them run off to sweat shops within days.

Successful retailing depends on design flair: this may explain the attraction of Mothercare to Sir Terence Conran and his decision to clear the decks by leaving Hepworth. Despite the success of Habitat, his design strength could be even better fitted to clothing because fashion changes in furniture so seldom.

Whether they could do something with the traditional department stores is a moot point. The future there looks gloomy. House of Fraser is an uninspiring retailer but Harrods has weathered the recession much better than its traditional department stores.

The best customers shop for image, not utility

If property is the big attraction, either could be a hiding to nothing if inflation continues at its low levels with a consequent staidness in property values.

Successful retailing depends on design flair

Shops and Expressions is Dorothy Perkins. And Mr Halpern would dearly like to buy the Richard Shops chain from Sir James, its new owner, to form a ready-made chain to corner that market.

Tesco calls for action on retail jobs

The quickening pace of information technology in industries like retailing makes it unlikely that the service industries will continue indefinitely to absorb the job losses in manufacturing, according to Mr Donald Harris, director of distribution, administration and computing at Tesco Stores.

There had been suggestions that by 1990 the application of advanced technology systems to the distributive industry could lead to a 10 per cent cut in its workforce. That would mean 250,000 lost jobs, said Mr Harris.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10 %
Barclays	10 %
BCCI	10 %
Consolidated Crds	10 %
C. Hoare & Co	10 %
Lloyds Bank	10 %
Midland Bank	10 %
Nat Westminster	10 %
TSB	10 %
Williams & Glyn's	10 %

CONCEPT AND PRACTICE OF MANAGEMENT IN UNILEVER

"We have some basic principles that, even in changing times, endure."

Mr. Kenneth Durham, Chairman of Unilever PLC, examined the strengths of Unilever's managerial philosophy in a speech at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 18 May 1983. This is a summary of some of the points he made.

The sheer size of a company like Unilever means that it has an important economic influence in those parts of the world in which it operates. Equally Unilever is affected by a wide and varying economic environment.

The next decade will be a period of heightened difficulties for big business; difficulties stemming largely from an unpredictable world economy and the political and social instabilities consequent on a period of low economic activity and high unemployment.

As we devise our strategies and put together plans for the future, we draw on two important strengths of Unilever. The first is the flexible and pragmatic approach we have to problems, and the second is the fact that we have some basic and guiding principles that, even in changing times, endure.

- In spite of recession, we continue with our long-term plans for management development and we continually seek to recruit and train top quality people who will be able to guide the Company in the years ahead.
- We maintain an overall strong financial position to enable us to meet any contingencies. This provides us with the flexibility to ensure that the operational requirements of the business are not constrained by lack of finance. At the end of last year our gearing stood at 26% and our net liquid funds amounted to £389 million.
- Our investment remains at a high level and we continue to allocate resources to the latest developments in technology. We actively seek growth, both from investment in organic development and, when necessary, by acquisition. In 1982 we invested £431 million and spent £76 million on acquisitions.

Managing for Change

This flexibility is important because, despite our firm commitment to long-term objectives and strategies, we have to run the business in the short term, taking account of the realities of the existing situation. That is why our basic plans, whilst reflecting the strategic aims, are relatively short-term and do not extend more than two years from the planning year.

As I have already said, the essence of our concept of management is that of decentralisation and we organise and run our business on that basis. We believe that we derive great strength from our 500 or so individual operating companies and they have a large degree of autonomy. They are autonomous in the sense that, within a broad Unilever policy framework, their boards are free to conduct their company affairs. Our business is largely, although not entirely, in branded and packaged consumer products and this means that we must know the local market-place well and understand its basic requirements if we are successfully to satisfy its needs. This usually means that we also have to manufacture in the country concerned.

The autonomy of these companies and the preservation of their own character is one of the most typical features of Unilever. That our subsidiary companies operate mostly under their own names, rather than under the name of Unilever, is part of this philosophy of decentralisation. It also means that the decisions are taken, as far as possible, by the management of the operating companies. They are closest to the market-place and they know best the requirements of the consumer, both now and for the future.

But we ensure that the total strength of Unilever is greater than that of the sum of its individual units. This is one of the key tasks of the three-man Special Committee which oversees the business as a whole, and of which I form a part together with the Chairman of Unilever NV, and one other member of our main board. In doing this job we are supported by central specialist divisions like Personnel, Finance, Research and Engineering, and others.

We believe this system of active decentralisation encourages initiative and innovation, and develops managerial and entrepreneurial skills, all of which are vital ingredients in the success of the business.

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The Annual General Meeting of Unilever N.V. took place in Rotterdam on the same day. Mr H. F. van den Hoven, Chairman of Unilever N.V., presided and delivered the same speech as Mr Kenneth Durham in London. The Company has published a report made to the British Government under the E.C. Code of Conduct for companies with interests in South Africa. Copies of the report may be obtained from the address alongside.

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1982 83	1983 84	Company	Price	Chg	Open	High	Low	Actual	Target
142	120	Ass Brit Ind Ord	134	-	6.4	4.8	7.8	10.2	-
158	117	Ass Brit Ind CULS	151	-	10.0	6.6	-	-	-
74	57	Airsprung Group	63	+1	6.1	9.7	18.0	18.0	-
46	28	Armstrong & Rhodes	28	-	4.3	15.4	3.1	5.5	-
345	197	Bardon Hill	345	+5	11.4	3.3	14.3	18.3	-
180	100	CCI 1.1% Conv Pref	149	-1	4.7	10.5	-	-	-
270	210	Cindico Group	210	-	17.6	8.4	-	-	-
86	46	Deborah Services	46	-1	6.0	13.0	3.0	8.2	-
97 1/2	77	Frank Horsell	96	-	-	-	3.0	8.6	-
96 7/8	75 1/2	Frank Horsell Pr Ord 87	94 1/2	-	8.7	9.2	10.5	11.3	-
83	61	Frederick Parker	62	-	7.1	11.5	3.9	6.2	-
55	34	George Blair	34	-	-	-	5.9	12.3	-
100	74	Ind Prec Castings	76	-	7.3	9.6	9.7	12.3	-
175	100	Isis Conv Pref	175	-	15.7	9.0	-	-	-
149	94	Jackson Group	149	+1	7.5	5.0	4.6	9.5	-
225	111	James Burrough	223	-	9.6	4.3	16.3	18.1	-
590	148	Robert Jenkins	148	-	30.0	13.5	1.6	23.5	-
83	54	Scouters "A"	67	-	5.7	8.5	8.7	10.5	-
167	110	Torday & Cardale	112	+2	11.4	10.2	5.0	8.6	-
30	21	Uollock Holdings	26	-	0.46	1.8	-	-	-
85	64	Walter Alexander	67	-	6.4	9.6	4.8	6.9	-
270	214	W. S. Yeates	265	-	17.1	6.5	4.1	8.5	-

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SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Sun Alliance and London Insurance plc was held yesterday at the Head Office of the Company in Bartholomew Lane, London, E.C.2.

Lord Aldington, the Chairman, presided and in addressing the Meeting stated:-

"I have two things to add to my statement. First about Board appointments. You will like to know that my colleagues intend at the next Board Meeting to elect Mr Henry Lambert as a Deputy Chairman, jointly with Lord Aberconway. They also intend to elect Sir Derrick Holden-Brown as a Vice Chairman jointly with Lord Crawford.

Second, in accordance with the practice that has been developed in recent years in the first quarter of 1983, I must emphasise - as I have always said - that the estimated results for one quarter cannot be considered as a reliable guide for the outcome of the full year.

At home our underwriting loss was substantially lower than in 1982, largely because in 1983 we were much less heavily affected by weather claims.

Overseas results were better in a number of countries including Canada, but that improvement was offset by an increase in the underwriting loss in Australia, largely caused by the bush fires which we estimate cost us nearly £3 1/2 million.

Our Reinsurance experience I am sorry to tell you continues bad, indeed it has further worsened.

There was a satisfactory growth in Investment Income.

And overall, in contrast to 1982, we estimate that there was a profit in the first quarter."

A Vote of Thanks to the Directors and Staff was proposed by Mr A. V. Alexander.

Hartwells Group tops £3m

By Victor Felstead
Pretax profits of the Oxford-based Hartwells Group have topped the £3m mark for the first time.
In the year to February 28, they reached £3.16m - a record and a rise of 51.9 per cent on 1981-82.

Redfean Glass goes deeper into the red

By Jeremy Warner
Redfean National Glass, one of Britain's three big glass container manufacturers, went deeper into the red during the half year to the beginning of last April.
The company traditionally makes little or no profit in the first half because of the long period of closure in production over Christmas when there are furnace repairs.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Anglo American Agriculture has concluded arrangements whereby Anglo American will issue up to 10m new ordinary shares of 25p each at 40p per share.
North Surrey Water Co. - The offer for sale by tender of £2m, 7 per cent redeemable preference stock, 1985, at a minimum price of issue £101 per £100 of stock, attracted applications for £327,700 of stock, and underwriters will be required to take up the balance.

Record profits for British Midland

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent
British Midland Airways, which claims to be the country's largest independent domestic airline, is expected to announce record profits for last year.
The previous record was in 1977 when it made £1.6m.
Mr Michael Bishop, chairman and managing director said: "We have recovered in sharp style from the difficulties that most world airlines have been experiencing in the last two to three years."

JULIANA'S JULIANA'S HOLDINGS PLC
Offer for Sale by Tender by Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited
1,360,000 ordinary shares of 2p each at a minimum tender price of 225p per share, the price tendered being payable in full on application
SHANE CAPITAL £115,000 Ordinary shares of 2p each £110,000

WALL STREET

Table with columns for Stock Name, Price, and Change. Includes entries like IBM, AMF Inc, General Electric, and various other companies.

Unprofitability 'is causing reinsurance rates to rise'

By Lorna Bourke
Unprofitability in the reinsurance market is leading to some hardening of rates according to Mercer and General Reinsurance, one of the top 10 reinsurance companies in the world and the highest in the United Kingdom.
M&G has increased its technical reserves by £60m to £277m, representing 135 per cent of premium income for the year in order to cope with additional claims made from reinsurance business written many years ago.

Wave-power pressure

By David Young
Vickers, the engineering group, has accused the Department of Energy of apathy over the development of wave-power as a source of electricity for remote coastal areas.
The group's subsidiary Vickers Design and Projects has spent the past five years studying wave-power technology. It claims that with existing technology a pilot power station could be built on the sea bed off the outer Hebrides providing power ashore at less than 5p per Kw hour, with the price falling if Vickers' estimation of the station's life is accepted.

Large financial table containing 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds' with multiple columns for fund names, amounts, and percentages. Includes various insurance and investment funds.

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CRICKET: TWO BENSON AND HEDGES CUP GAMES COMPLETED, TWO ABANDONED

Team effort by Hampshire clears the bar at Taunton

By Alan Gibson

TAUNTON: Hampshire (Zps) beat Somerset 22 runs over, but Hampshire...

although he had played one stylish stroke which suggested the infield...

After Botham's triple strike, Hampshire never looked like recovering...

Botham was steady, and Rose in form. When Roseback was caught at slip...

Benson and Hedges tables

Table with columns for Benson and Hedges Cup, showing scores for various teams like Gloucester, Lancashire, etc.

MCC captaincy for Hampshire

The Hampshire former England batsman, will captain MCC against Oxford University at Lord's...

Hungers stay alert for victory

All six classes enjoyed good conditions and close racing when Wednesday week, sponsored by the National Westminster Bank...

Consolidation the Hull watchword

The lesson has been learnt in Hull this month. It is time to drink it. The crisis could be heard popping in expectation of the city's leading Rugby League club...

Table with columns for TODAY'S FIXTURES, listing various sports events like Benson and Hedges Cup, etc.

Table with columns for ICE HOCKEY, listing fixtures like Islanders make it four in a row.



Dilley: admirable fire and control

Dilley's fast return to the front line

After a period of absence, Dilley's return to the front line was a relief for the Surrey batsmen...

With Jarvis also bowling steadily and Underwood as tightly as ever, batting was never an easy prospect...

Stumped without a ball being bowled

By Our Sports Staff

Heavy overnight rain and a persistent drizzle in the morning caused the abandonment yesterday of the Benson and Hedges Cup match between Middlesex and Glamorgan...

Exit Miss Mandlikova

With the French Open only five days away, Miss Mandlikova, former women's singles champion...

Award winners

Table listing award winners for Benson and Hedges Cup, Second XI competition, etc.

Final league tables for 1982-83

Large table showing final league tables for various football divisions: First Division, Second Division, Third Division, Fourth Division, Scottish Premier Division, Scottish First Division, Scottish Second Division.

Faldo threatened by a double danger

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent

Nick Faldo, a late entry for the Car Care Plan international, to be played at Sand Moor from today until Sunday...

Belle of the long ball

By Lewine Mair

Belle Robertson may have put extra pressure on herself by saying, at the start of the week, that the North Berwick links had been too short for a Scottish women's championship...

Mother-to-be qualifies

Sue Hedges, who is expecting her first baby in September, came safely through the qualifying rounds of the English women's championships at Hayling Island yesterday...

Large advertisement for VERNONS POOLS LIVERPOOL, featuring 'CERTIFIED PPA DIVIDENDS' and 'LITTLEWOODS' with various prize amounts and terms.

RACING: OAKS TRIAL AT GOODWOOD

Hardihostess holds the key

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent
After heavy overnight and early morning rain...



Dick Hern: relies on Myntina.

Newbury last month, is preferred to Deutschemark for the Raughmere maiden stakes...

TABLE TENNIS

Prean a surprise wild card entry

By a Special Correspondent
Carl Prean, aged 15 who led England to their first world championship...

RUGBY UNION



Holmes, who was Houdini reborn in the build-up to Irwin's try.

Powerful Auckland forwards bring Lions down to earth

From Don Cameron, Auckland
Campbell, who had earlier dropped a goal, converted this try and MacNeill thumped over a 50-metre penalty goal...

Goodwood

Table with race details: Draw advantage: high numbers best. Tote: double 3.0, 4.0. Triple 2.30, 3.0 & 3.30 races.

3.30 UNITED DOMINIONS TRUST STAKES (2-y-o maiden fillies: £3,383; 7f) (18)

Race results table for United Dominions Trust Stakes.

4.00 BENGES STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,272; 5f) (9)

Race results table for Benges Stakes.

4.30 MORTAR HILL STAKES (handicap: £2,062; 1m 4f) (8)

Race results table for Mortar Hill Stakes.

Goodwood selections
By Michael Phillips
2 Waterhead, 2.30 Morse Pip, 3.0 Hardihostess, 3.30 Magdalena, 4.0 James Edward, 4.30 Toprol.

HOCKEY
Upsets for Southgate

By Sydney Frielkin
On the eve of the European club championship at The Hague a touch of food poisoning has left at least seven members of the Southgate hockey team...

Welsh reign in Spain

Spain Under-23.....32
Wales B XV.....6
Gijon (AFP) - Wales B remain unbeaten after the second win of their five-match tour here...

Law Report May 19 1983 Court of Appeal

Insured cannot cancel unfiled amendment slip

General Reinsurance Corporation v Forsakringsaktiebolaget Fennia Patria
LORD JUSTICE KERR, in a reserved judgment, said that the appeal was on one important issue which could be stated as follows: whether insurance - or, in the present case, reinsurance - was placed by a broker on the London market by means of a "slip" which was taken round to various underwriters...

contracts resulting from the lines written on a partially completed slip. That result was said to flow either from the implication of a term, and when each line was written, which was necessary to give business efficacy to the resulting contract, or alternatively from a binding usage or practice in the insurance market.

Advertisement for Selection Thomson, London and Glasgow. Includes text: 'Garments and Textiles International Marketing', 'This is a key international business role...', and 'Sales and Marketing Appointments'.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM. Continuation of 15th page.

MEMORIAL SERVICES. A memorial service for Mrs. M. J. ...

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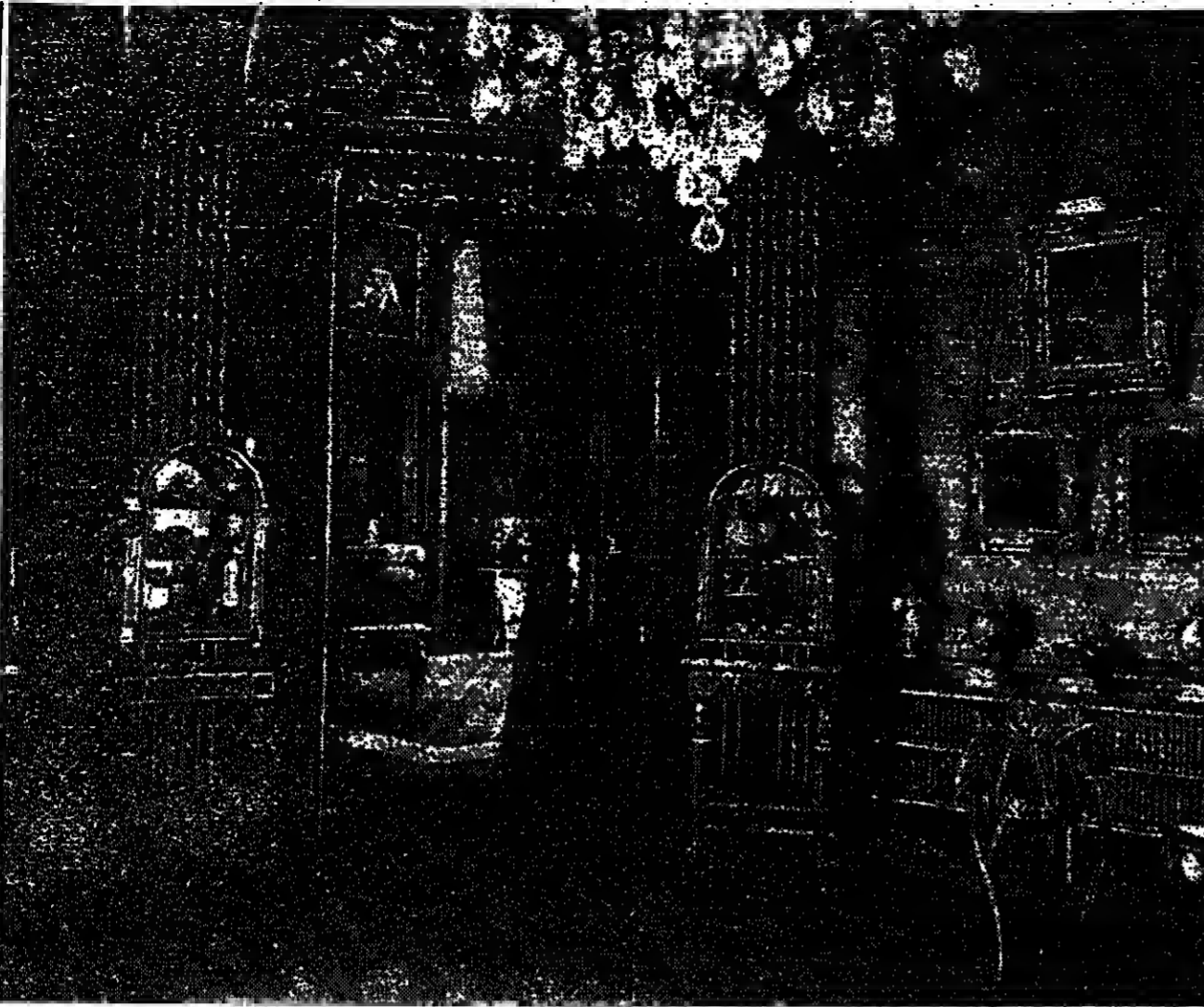
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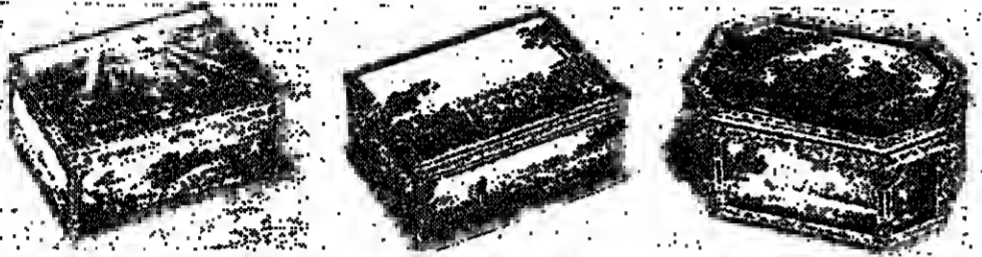
Tory pledge of union and council reform

Continued from page 1 - defence, employment and prosperity - with the defence of Britain's "traditional liberties and distinctive way of life" as the most vital decision for the voters.

Other specific proposals include legislation to deal with violent and obscene video cassettes and reform of the divorce laws, with particular reference to financial arrangements, as recommended by the Law Commission in 1981.



Snperb furniture and rare woods: The lower drawing room at Waddesdon.



Three of the stolen gold snuff-boxes, the first two by Van Blarenbergh.

Disposal headache for thieves

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent The thieves who struck at Waddesdon Manor, near Aylesbury, are likely to have the greatest difficulty in finding buyers for the stolen works of art, it is their intention.

All the pieces have been photographed and carefully studied. They are described and illustrated in the sumptuous catalogues of the collection, which have been published on behalf of the National Trust.

The pieces could be broken up and melted down to obtain the constituent jewels and gold, but only a tiny fraction of the value would be realized.

Lone thief takes art treasures

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The police said that he entered the house at 3.55am yesterday, an hour before dawn. He propped a wooden ladder against a tall window secluded from the terrace of the building, opened a smaller window at the top and then climbed down the other side using a rope ladder.

Damascus rebuffs American mission

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Israel which Syria regards as equally submissive towards Israel and the United States - it seems increasingly unlikely that the Syrians will consider a withdrawal of their army from Lebanon.

When Mr Shultz came here at the end of his recent visit to the Middle East, he spent three hours with President Assad, at least one hour of which, it transpires, was spent listening to the Syrian leader's explanation of the history of the Arab world.

President Assad snapped back: "We have different ideas about peacemaking." Perhaps the Americans should have taken the point.

Syria's rejection of the new agreement has already had its effect in Libya - perhaps Syria's closest Arab ally - where the Government yesterday recalled its embassy staff from Beirut.

The Libyans are asking the Arab League to apply the same sanctions against Lebanon as it took against Egypt after the Camp David treaty, but most Arab nations have either expressed cautious support or remained silent.

Frank Johnson's campaign trail Confidence, speech - both unstoppable

Conservative Manifesto Day at last. We shall never forget it. Not the manifesto. The day.

Hundreds of us were packed into a relatively small room at Conservative Central Office. Space ran out very early. In the corridor outside, other of our profession clamoured for admittance. They were the lucky ones. Inside, a combination of the people, the television lights, and Mrs Thatcher taking a 20-minute rest for 20 minutes in a confined space meant that conditions rapidly deteriorated.

The Prime Minister arrived through the throng accompanied by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Mr William Whitelaw, Mr Francis Pym, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr Norman Tebbit, Mr Michael Heseltine, Mr Tom King and Mr Dennis Thatcher.

There was also Mr Ian Gow, her parliamentary private secretary. He is her eminence grise except that he is bald. Mr Parkinson, Mr Whitelaw, Mr Pym, Sir Geoffrey, Mr Heseltine and Mr King positioned themselves around her on the platform. Mr Gow grised away to one side.

Mr Thatcher took up the position of real influence, out of sight at the back of the hall. He fought a masterly campaign in 1979. When, on the first day of that contest, the then Leader of the Opposition cuddled a calf in a field in Norfolk, he was responsible for the best phrase to emerge from the Thatcher campaign. ("If we're not careful, we'll have a dead calf on our hands.")

Now the only thing that stood between him and a second term in Downing Street was his wife. She had always been just that little bit too controversial for the wife of a public figure such as himself. But yesterday she was, so far as we knew, ahead still in every poll of which we had knowledge. Her confidence was unstoppable, as indeed was her conversation.

Today's events

Royal engagements The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Wales and Princess Anne, presents Standards to the Household Cavalry Horse Guards Parade, 11.

the King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers at St James's Palace, SW1, 6.30. Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend the presentation by the Queen of new Standards to the Household Cavalry, Horse Guards Parade, 11.

New exhibitions Etchings and other intaglio techniques, Glasgow Art Gallery, Kelvingrove; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5. (from today until June 19).

Exhibitions in progress Six Attitudes: Paintings by Susan Boyva, Stuart Cox, Andrew Eden, Colin Garden, Bill Mitchell and Charlotte Moore, City Museum and Art Gallery, Princesgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (until June 4).

Blackburn Camera Club exhibition, Museum and Art Gallery, Library Street, Blackburn; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 9.30 to 5 (until June 4).

New books - paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week. A Month in the Country, by Ivan Turgenev, translated and introduced by Leah Berlin (Penguin, £1.95).

Weather forecast

A depression drifted over Wales will slow E. 6 am to midnight London, East Angles, SE, Central S, E and SW England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, moderate or heavy rain, showers heavy at times, perhaps thundery; wind SW, moderate; max 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

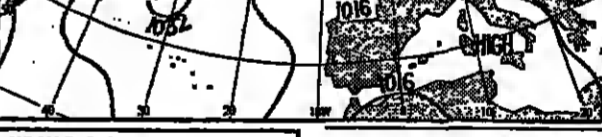


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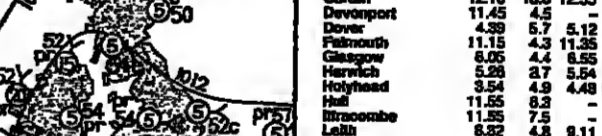


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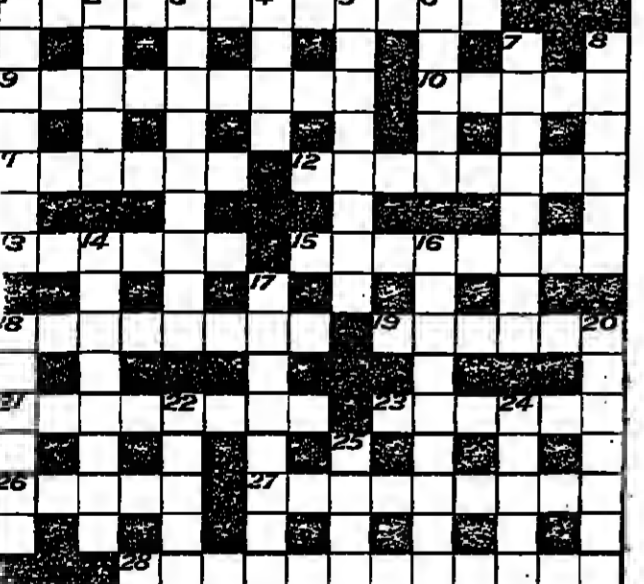
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,133



- ACROSS 1 Cleansing of Mrs Centivire's Simon? (11,2). 2 Swift foray hems in Peru's capital? (5). 3 Minority accepts his right to vote? (9).

Train delays

British Rail reports that engineering work on the East Coast line will delay some trains today. Trains between Newcastle and Edinburgh will be diverted via Carlisle, adding one hour to the journey.

Roads

London and South-east: Cannon at Horse Guards Parade, central London; several roads closed from 3.30am until 1pm; severe congestion in Westminster, Victoria and St James. M20: Carriageway closures between junctions 5 and 7, north of Maidstone. A272: Closed to traffic between Bishops Cleeve and A32 from 9am; diversion.

Poster competition

The Minority Rights Group, together with other organizations, is sponsoring a competition to return to the normal results starting with the 12 midday Kings Cross Edinburgh and 4 pm Edinburgh to Kings Cross trains.

The pound

Table with 3 columns: Bank, Buys, Sells. Lists exchange rates for various countries like Australia, Austria, Belgium, etc.

The papers

The Conservative election manifesto has all the freshness and originality of a well-used piece of carbon paper, the Daily Mirror says. It sports the like Christmas television schedule. It has as many answers as a Sun reporter on Mastermind. The Tories can't be accused of offering a fraudulent prospectus because they offer nothing. And nothing is what those who vote for them will get.

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